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THE  
VERY BEST.



## BERLIN CRISIS HEIGHTENED Americans Surround Red Headquarters

VERY SOON  
NOW

the "China Mail" which has  
acquired the exclusive rights  
of publication in Hong Kong  
of

WINSTON  
CHURCHILL'S  
MEMOIRS

Will commence publication  
The First Book covers the  
period between the two wars,  
the rise of Hitler, the rape  
of Munich and the enigma  
presented by Russia as events  
guided the world into the  
inevitable armed clash.  
WATCH FOR FURTHER  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MISSION TO BAO DAI: NEW TWIST

Saigon, Apr. 3.  
Representatives of M. Emile  
Bollaert, French High Com-  
missioner in Indo-China, and  
of the French Socialist Party  
in Indo-China left here today  
by air for Hong Kong to  
renew conversations on the  
future of Indo-China with the  
staff of ex-Empress of Bao  
Dai of Annam.

M. Louis Caput represented  
M. Bollaert and M. Nhatrons,  
the French Socialist Party.  
Members of M. Caput's staff  
said that the mission had been  
charged by M. Bollaert to tell  
Bao Dai that the French wished  
to renew talks with him on a  
possible agreement with Dr. Ho  
Chi-minh, leader of Viet Minh,  
the left wing Nationalist move-  
ment, which has been fighting  
the French for more than a  
year.

In the past, M. Caput had  
stated that France should  
negotiate with Ho Chi-minh  
and on this account had been  
severely criticised by M.  
Bollaert, who had stated that  
the French Government would  
not negotiate with the Viet-  
Minh leader.

M. Nhatrons, a personal friend  
of Dr. Ho Chi-minh, was present  
at the signing of the Franco-  
Vietnam agreement at Hanoi in  
March, 1945.

It was authoritatively stated  
here that M. Bollaert's political  
adviser also flew to Hong Kong  
today.—Reuter.

## T. V. SOONG IN HONG KONG

Dr. T. V. Soong, Governor of  
Kwangtung, accompanied by  
Madame Soong and a group of  
secretaries, arrived in Hong Kong  
by Chinese gunboat on Friday  
afternoon. Dr. Soong intends to  
spend a few days in the Colony  
as a vacation.

## TROOPS MUTINY IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, Apr. 3.  
Armed British soldiers stood guard today over  
Woodlands Camp where 1,000 Ceylonese  
soldiers mutinied late last night.

A British Major, three Bri-  
tish other ranks and one Bri-  
tish civilian police inspector  
were taken to hospital as a  
result of fighting which was  
finally broken up after a riot-  
ous battle brought 120 armed British  
soldiers and 100 civil police to  
the scene.

A British Army spokesman  
said: "It was definitely mutiny."  
He said investigations are  
underway to determine the  
ring leaders. Preliminary in-

## Soviet Warning To Planes

Berlin, Apr. 3.  
Two developments yesterday heightened the crisis  
between the Western Powers and the Soviet  
in Berlin—American troops surrounded the  
Russian zone rail control centre in the American  
sector of Berlin, while the Russians notified  
the American authorities that "unusually large  
numbers" of Soviet fighters would go on night  
operations.

An announcement issued by the American Military  
Government Public Relations Office at mid-  
afternoon today said:—

"The Russian authorities last  
night notified the American  
Military Government officials  
that unusually large numbers  
of Soviet fighter craft would go  
on night operations on Friday  
night. They said any Ameri-  
can planes which may be  
operating on the American air  
corridor linking Berlin with the  
Western zones should be warned  
of this fact."

No explanation was given for  
issuing this information be-  
cause it was not known if the  
warning would be applica-  
ble tonight or in future.  
—U.S. Press.

## H.Q. Surrounded

Adopting Russian tactics, 30  
American soldiers, armed with  
three-story buildings, control  
centre at midnight.

The United States Provost-  
Marshal announced that Russian  
personnel, including two generals,  
who tried to enter the railway  
building had been turned back.

Colonel Kelly, the Provost-  
Marshal, said there was no like-  
lihood that American troops will  
be withdrawn from this vital  
building in the near future.

He said that the first Russian  
attempt to enter the building was  
made at 7.30 a.m. today, when a  
Soviet captain and two armed  
guards, bringing food for the  
Russians who had stayed inside  
the building all night, were turned  
away. The Russian officer was  
told to put the food on the pave-  
ment and that German policemen  
would take it in.

Told To Go  
A second group of Russians ar-  
rived at 9 a.m. by bus led by two  
Lieutenant-Colonels. The two offi-  
cers approached the American  
guards, Col. Hilton and said they  
wanted to go to the offices.

Col. Hilton: "It is off limits to  
Russians."

When one of the Russian  
Colonels muttered something  
about Allied Control Council  
agreements, Col. Hilton told  
him to go back and have his  
commander refer the matter to  
General Clay (U.S. command-  
er in Berlin).

The Russians stared at the  
American officer for a minute,  
appraised the situation and  
then hurriedly left. The Russian  
showed signs of excitement.  
A few minutes later two Rus-

sians arrived in a civilian  
car and found three American  
military policemen barring the  
door. The Russians glared at the  
military police, returned to their  
car and drove off.

Royall's Statement  
During the night Russians were  
permitted to leave the building  
but none were allowed to enter.  
Germans were allowed free  
passage.

In Washington, the Secretary  
for the Army, Kenneth C. Royall,  
said today that if Russia cuts off  
United States supply lines in  
Berlin the United States will  
have to "go through" the Soviet  
occupation zone to rescue the  
10,000 Americans in the former  
German capital.

Royall added, however, that  
the Army sees "no immediate  
danger to the Americans in Ber-  
lin."

Interviewed on a radio pro-  
gramme, Royall said General  
Lucius D. Clay, U.S. Army  
Commander in Europe, can order  
troops to open fire if the  
Russians attack. General Clay,  
he added, is under strict orders  
to do so only in an extreme  
emergency.

Full Support  
Royall said General Clay's re-  
jection of the Russian demands  
to enter and search American  
military trains entering and leav-  
ing Berlin had the full support of  
President Truman, the Army,  
the State Department and the  
Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Omar  
Bradley.

## "RUSSIAN UNIFORMS" IN SICILY

Rome, Apr. 3.  
The Interior Ministry an-  
nounced today that police  
have uncovered a large cache  
of arms and "Russian type"  
uniforms in turbulent Sicily.

The report came close on the  
heels of threats of retaliation  
for the alleged slayings of  
Communists on the island.

Meanwhile in Rome the Gov-  
ernment staged a dress re-  
hearsal through the downtown  
streets of the capital of to-  
morrow's show of military  
strength as election campaign  
tension rose noticeably every-  
where.

The Ministry announcement  
said the police found the  
munitions cache in the Catania  
area.

A report from Reggio Calabria  
said the Left Wing Socialist  
Mayor of the town was shot in  
a political brawl. Other reports  
said at least a dozen political  
meetings in the peninsula turned  
into violent disputes last night.

The Labour Federation in  
Sicily today staged an island-  
wide ten-minute work stoppage  
to protest the murders of labour  
leaders.—United Press.

## Chiang Gets New Backing

Nanking, Apr. 3.  
The formal movement to  
elect Chiang Kai-shek Presi-  
dent of the Chinese Republic  
gained momentum today as  
Government officials, univer-  
sity presidents and many non-  
partisan delegates for signa-  
tures supporting the Gen-  
eralissimo's nomination.

The Central Daily News re-  
ported that 100 members of the  
Yunnan and Kansu National  
Assembly delegation, including  
Chow Chung-yueh, former  
Minister of Interior, jointly  
signed their names in support  
of the Generalissimo for the  
Presidency.

Telegrams from all over the  
country continued to flood the  
capital urging Chiang's nomina-  
tion and election.

All signatures are being en-  
tered in a bound volume.

An emergency session of the  
Kuomintang Central Executive  
Committee, originally sched-  
uled for Mar. 28, will be held at 10  
a.m. tomorrow, according to a  
headquarters announcement to-  
day.

It is not yet known whether  
the Party will formally nominate  
the Presidential and Vice-

## Onus Lies On The Landlord

Landlords or owners of  
premises are liable to fines  
and the payment of all costs  
incurred in legal proceedings  
against them for improper  
maintenance of toilet flush  
systems, a Government  
spokesman told the "Sunday  
Herald" yesterday.

The spokesman declared that  
the responsibility for seeing that  
flush systems operate satisfac-  
torily lies on landlords or own-  
ers, not on tenants.

The "Sunday Herald" learned  
yesterday that many premises  
are using tap water to flush  
toilets. Landlords have refused  
to install motors to operate the  
existing flush systems, forcing  
tenants to use tap water instead.

The spokesman added yester-  
day that tenants should report  
any improper maintenance of  
flush systems to the nearest  
Health Office. If it is found  
that the fault lies with the land-  
lord or owner, police will be  
served requiring him to remedy  
the position within a certain  
period.

## DR. HOO TO VISIT H.K.

Shanghai, Apr. 3.  
Dr. Victor Hoo, U.N. assistant  
secretary-general and chief of the  
Korean Mission, left for Canton  
today on what he said was a  
"purely social visit."

It is understood he will confer  
with Dr. T. V. Soong, Governor  
of Kwangtung, while in Canton.  
Dr. Hoo will visit Hong Kong  
before returning to Seoul.—United  
Press.

## Ruse Which Failed



One of the many ruses adopted by bullion traffickers to get  
gold into the Colony was to conceal the metal in hollowed  
soles. In the photo above is a pair of shoes inside of which  
Revenue Officers found 40 ounces of gold.

## Reynolds Delivers Public Apology

Nanking, Apr. 3.  
Milton Reynolds, millionaire pen manufacturer,  
faced an angry committee of Chinese scientists  
here today and publicly admitted he was guilty  
of "negligence, discourtesy and lack of con-  
sideration" in his conduct toward his Chinese  
co-sponsors of the abortive Anne Machin  
Mountain expedition.

With members of the press  
present, a 12-member Academia  
Sinica committee demanded  
and obtained from Reynolds a  
public promise that his plane  
"Explorer" would not leave  
China until all Chinese mem-  
bers of the expedition have  
been returned to Nanking and  
expedition affairs wound up.

The committee further de-  
manded that Reynolds issue a  
statement which should first re-  
ceive the committee's approval  
stating the Chinese had done  
everything possible to make the  
expedition a success.

The committee agreed to re-  
move the armed guard from the  
"Explorer" at Lungshan airfield,  
Shanghai, after Reynolds con-  
sented to these demands.

Reynolds countered with an  
offer to go ahead with the ex-  
pedition to measure the height of  
Anne Machin Range (West  
China) as soon as the "Explorer"  
has been pronounced fit to fly.

The committee chairman, Dr.  
Sai Peng-tung, said the com-  
mittee could not answer until all  
members of the expedition were  
consulted but indicated it was  
most unlikely there would be  
agreement to go on with the ex-  
pedition.—United Press.

## QUINS BORN IN GREECE

Athena, Apr. 3.  
A press dispatch from the  
village of Komatini reported  
today that Mrs. Ellen Hero-  
poulos gave birth to quin-  
twins—three girls and two  
boys—who are "doing well."

There were no other de-  
tails.—Associated Press.

## KAI TAK SETS A RECORD

The volume of passengers and  
freight passing through  
Kai Tak air port last month,  
and the number of aircraft  
arriving and departing on in-  
ternational airlines, was the  
highest recorded since the air-  
port was opened for civil  
aviation in 1927.

Aircraft arriving totalled 514,  
and 506 departed, making a grand  
total of 1,020 aircraft.

Passengers arriving totalled  
7,627 and 7,479 departed—a total  
of 15,106.

Twenty-four and a quarter tons  
of mail and 226.9 tons of freight  
were carried by the aircraft.

## KOWLOON CITY ISSUE

Canton, Apr. 3.  
The Kowloon, walled city  
issue was brought up again at  
Friday's meeting of the Kwang-  
tung Provincial Council.

Mr. Chi Tui-long, Chairman of  
the Kowloon Walled City  
Residents' Association, who was  
imprisoned and later released by  
the Hong Kong Government, had  
sent to the Council a petition for  
retransmission to Nanking.

The petition requested the  
Chinese Foreign Office to take up  
the question of the "walled city"  
damages from the Hong Kong  
Government for his imprisonment  
which Chi said was an  
infringement of his personal  
liberty.

The Chairman of the Provincial  
Council told the meeting that  
the Chinese Foreign Office had  
repeatedly demanded the walled  
city issue, with the British  
Embassy in Nanking and that a  
satisfactory solution was expected  
soon.—Reuter.

## Chinese Chamber Dissatisfaction

For the first time in its history the election of  
chairman and committee of the Hong Kong  
Chinese General Chamber of Commerce will  
be contested by candidates of at least two  
contending parties at the election in the latter  
part of this month.

The Chinese Chamber, which is the foremost  
Chinese commercial institution in Hong Kong,  
was formed shortly before the outbreak of the  
first World War by a group of influential  
merchants headed by the late Mr. Lau Chu-  
pak, a member of the Legislative Council and  
the Chamber's first Chairman.

Subsequent elections went  
off more or less on pre-arranged  
schedule, those nominated as  
most prominent and most de-  
serving being elected, with  
practically no opposition.

This state of affairs prevailed  
right up to 1941 and was revived  
upon the liberation of the  
Colony, until the latter part of  
last year, when there was a  
noticeable rumbling of discontent  
among certain members with  
what they considered to be the  
ultra-conservative policy of the  
Chamber.

Some contended that this dis-  
satisfaction was created by a  
certain section of the com-  
mercial community with a view to  
gaining control of the Chamber's  
administration and activities  
with backing from a strong  
financial group of merchants and  
industrialists.

Progressives  
This discontent developed into  
a manoeuvre for power in the  
forthcoming election and towards  
the end of last year, one of these  
parties styling itself the pro-  
gressive party, managed to re-  
cruit some 3,000 new members enrolled  
in the Chamber's roster.

There was a bitter fight early  
in the year, but the pro-  
gressive party, with the aid of  
certain influential members, won  
the fight.

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## WANT A HOUSE? TRY THIS ONE

There is one means of overcoming the Colony's  
housing shortage and of owning a fairly com-  
fortable home of your own without payment  
of key money.

Of course there are some  
catches to it but there are also  
some advantages.

If you do not mind a nautical  
life, fit quickly of neighbours,  
and have about \$12,000 to spare  
you can buy a new, specially-  
designed luxury junk if you feel  
inclined.

A least one European resident—  
a Frenchman—is contemplating  
buying one.

In Loong Sang-lee's shipyard at  
Shaikwan such a junk is near-  
ing completion.

It is 37 feet long, has an 11-  
foot beam, a bedroom for two, a  
large saloon, bathroom and lav-  
atory combined, and a galley. It  
will be lighted by electricity.

Today's forecast—Light variable  
SE winds, fair, warm but hazy.  
Yesterday's weather—  
Thunder, rain, fair, hot, from the  
westward. 8.5 deg. Fals.  
Sunshine: 1.7 hours.  
Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—  
84.1 mm. (3.31 in.) (up to date)  
Average of 1944: 104.6 mm. (4.12 in.)

Barometer at sea level: 1015.6 mm. (38.0 in.)  
Humidity: 85%  
Wind Force: 2  
Wind Direction: S.W.  
Wave Force: 2  
Wave Direction: S.W.  
Time: 10.15 a.m.

Three luxury junks similar to  
this were constructed before the  
war for wealthy Americans and  
shipped to the United States. The  
price then was about \$4,000.  
The builder intends to live in  
this one himself.

## The Weather







# "PROFESSIONAL CARRIERS" Flocking To The Colony By Shiploads

## Familiar Figure On Ferry

Wong Wah (20), a well-known member of the pocket-picking fraternity, was sentenced to a month's hard labour and ordered to be expelled from the Colony by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on being convicted on the charge of loitering with intent to commit a felony.

According to Det. Sub-Inspector W. G. Morrison, defendant was kept under observation by Detective 1025, who was on duty at the Jordan Road ferry, for 15 minutes on April 2.

He was seen going around the crowd of first-class passengers, peering into their pockets and, on three or four occasions, feeling the outside of the pockets.

Although he approached the ticket office on three occasions, he made no attempt to purchase a ticket.

When defendant saw the detective approaching him he walked quickly away. Arrested by DPC 1025, accused struggled but was taken to the Yau-mat Police Station with the assistance of Ferry Inspector C. Fallon.

In evidence, Inspector Fallon said that defendant was a well-known character on the wharf during the past three months. Everytime he saw witnesses, accused would "blat away," said Mr. Fallon.

Accused was the habit of looking into the pockets of those passengers, tendering their fare at the booking box, concluded witness.

DSI Morrison informed the Court that accused had two previous convictions in 1946 for larceny from the person.

## Jewellery To Pay Fine

When Lau Fung-chun, 28-year-old married woman, was fined \$1,000 for six months' imprisonment by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday she tearfully asked to be permitted to convert her wristwatch, two gold rings and pair of gold bracelets (in the custody of the Police) into cash to pay the fine.

A request was granted by the Magistrate who remanded accused for three days, in custody, to enable her to dispose of her jewellery.

According to Revenue Officer D. Knox, defendant was arrested at the K.C.R. Station at 7.35 p.m. on April 2, after the opium was found concealed inside a pumelo and in her handbag.

## A DEGREE OF VIOLENCE

Two months hard labour, eight strokes and a recommendation for banishment were imposed on 17-year-old Chan Ming when he appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of snatching a handbag from Miss Ho To Fung containing \$5.

Insp. Brownrigg said that there was a "degree of violence" used when the bag was snatched.

## SEA RESCUE

Eight Chinese fishermen were picked up near Hong Kong on Friday by the s.s. "Benlawyers" and brought to Hong Kong.

The rescued men were from Taiwan. They said their boat capsized in a squall and that they had been hanging on to boards and pieces of wood for five days and nights before they were sighted by the "Benlawyers."

## GOOD NEWS for CHILDREN

To commemorate Children's Day which falls on 4th April, we have pleasure in announcing a

## 10 DAYS' SALE

(FROM 1ST APRIL TO 10TH APRIL)  
10% DISCOUNT ON ALL CHILDREN'S LINE.

COME NOW - DON'T MISS THIS GRAND OPPORTUNITY!

May-May  
74, Queen's Rd. C. (Corner of Pottinger Rd.)

## Opium Cases At Magistracy

"Professional carriers," flocking to the Colony by the shiploads — in the words of Mr. F. X. d'Almada — appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday, charged with the unlawful possession of raw opium on board the s.s. "Tainan" which berthed at the Custodian wharf last Friday morning.

The usual plea of ignorance of Hong Kong law and the belaboured tale of the "elusive someone" passing it on to them were given by the five defendants, one of whom, a married woman, pleaded that she did not know anything about the drug.

No option of a fine was given by the Magistrate, and the defendants, none represented legally, were sentenced from six to nine months' imprisonment; some were recommended for banishment. Mr. d'Almada warned them that such offence "is very serious in the Colony."

Altogether, 62 tacks of the drug were confiscated. They were concealed by various methods, but were detected by revenue officers during a routine search.

Li Ng, 25, had 16 tacks in a tin of peanut oil. Wong Ah-sui, a 30-year-old married woman, hid 15 tacks in the false bottom of a rattan basket. Li Ah-hong, 22, put nine tacks in a tin of peanut oil. All three were sentenced to six months' hard labour. The two men were recommended for banishment.

In Pillows  
Two men, Chan Dai-lap, of 51, Bonham Strand, West, ground floor, and Wong Chu, 24, were arrested when 24 tacks of opium were found in two pillows as they were leaving the "Tainan."

R/O Humphreys told the Court that when first defendant was arrested he was carrying his sleeping kit, consisting of two pillows and a mat. The opium was found wrapped in the pillow. Chan claimed that the kit was given to him by the second accused to carry as they were coming down the ship. Wong asserted that someone, not in custody, had passed the kit on to him. Both denied having any knowledge of the drug.

Mr. d'Almada sentenced both to nine months hard labour and recommended them for banishment.

## DISAPPEARING WITNESS

After spending one month in goal, facing four charges — of being a member of an unlawful society, demanding money with violence, inducing a person to join an unlawful society and attempting to procure subscription for the purpose of an unlawful society — 29-year-old Mun Kau, of 116, Jaffe Road, first floor, was yesterday discharged by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy when the prosecution offered no evidence.

DSI J. Moore told the Court that there was no evidence against defendant who was not represented legally. His corroborating witness had disappeared and "there is no hope of locating him," DSI Moore said.

## VOLCANO SPOUTS WATER

Managua (Nicaragua), Apr. 3. A huge column of water reported to be 6,000 feet high today spouted from Cerro Negro Volcano which had been inactive for several months.

The city of Leon and other towns along the coast have been deprived of power as a result of the floods from the mountain. — United Press.

## STOLE COAT

Chan San Muk, 29, was sentenced to one month's hard labour at the Central Magistracy yesterday by Mr. F. X. d'Almada when he appeared on a charge of stealing a Chinese style coat (valued at \$5).

Insp. Brownrigg prosecuting, said that defendant was seen by a policeman in Queen's Road West with a coat wrapped up in a bundle. He asked him where he got it and was not given a satisfactory answer. Accused was taken back along the road. They met the constable who said that had just been stolen from his sole where he had it hanging out to dry.

## TOC H CONCERT

A concert of recorded classical music will be presented by Miss Eric Verge, R.N.M., at Tai Koo House (C.R. 10), Macdonnell Road at 8.30 a.m. today.

The programme will include Nocturne in E, Nocturne in G, Waltz in C by Chopin; Sonata in C, Major (Waldstein) by Beethoven; Suite, Baroque (Clair de Lune) by Debussy; Overture "La Finta Giardiniera" by Mozart; and Symphony No. 1 in B-flat by Sibelius.

## American Warships On Visit

The 10,000-ton United States light cruiser "Duluth" escorted by the destroyer "Furse" arrived in Hong Kong yesterday morning on an informal visit from Tsingtao.

On arrival, "Duluth" fired a 21-gun salute which was answered by the Army Saluting Battery.

"Duluth" flies the flag of Rear-Admiral Francis McInerney, commander of US Cruiser Division 15. She is commanded by Captain B. Davis, Cmdr. J. Scott is in command of "Furse."

Mr. G. D. Hopper, United States Consul-General, visited "Duluth," followed by Commodore C. L. Robertson, DSO, RN, Commander-in-Charge, Hong Kong.

Admiral McInerney came ashore to return the calls at 11.30 a.m. and was met at Queen's Pier by a "Tamar" guard of honour.

He was guest at Government House last night, and tonight he will be the guest of Commodore Robertson.

"Duluth" and "Furse" are due to return to Tsingtao on Wednesday.

"Duluth" is one of the "Cleveland" class of light cruisers—the largest group of cruisers of one class ever built. Several of this class were converted into aircraft carriers of the "Independence" class.

She was laid down in 1943 and completed the following year. Six hundred feet in length on the waterline, "Duluth" has a beam of 61.5 feet and a mean draught of 20 feet. Her complement is 900.

Geared turbines driving four shafts give her a designed speed of 33 knots.

Armament includes 12 six-inch guns, 12 five-inch 38 calibre dual purpose guns mounted in pairs, four aircraft launched from two catapults and a large number of 40 mm and 20 mm anti-aircraft guns.

Recalling that the Vietnam forces "repulsed heavy attacks during January and February" and followed up these victories with a series of attacks on French convoys, the paper added: "The French political efforts to use the ex-Emperor Bao Dai have been equally unsuccessful."

"No French offer, however attractive, could be guaranteed since the French did not control events in Indo-China, and on the other hand, no promise of Bao Dai's part could be guaranteed since he had no real following in his country."

The President of the Vietnam Republic Government, Dr. Ho Chi Minh, still holds the reins of power, and has the support of the people, the "New Statesman" says.

"Bao Dai therefore seems to have decided on a new line of action. He is challenging Ho Chi Minh on the ground of the failure of the Vietnam Army to keep the promise made to him when he abdicated the throne in March, 1945."

"He claims to be in full possession of his rights," the paper said, "and the French are put forward as the fantastic claim that he has the right to form a Central Government with the former Prime Minister of Annam at its head. This is a playboy politics."

"No move on either side can hope to succeed until the central factor is recognized, namely, that Dr. Ho Chi Minh is today the only effective guarantor of any agreement." — Reuters.

## ANGLO-RUSSIAN NEGOTIATIONS

Negotiations for a long-term Anglo-Russian trade agreement are expected to be resumed probably in London at the end of this month, authoritative quarters said today.

Mr. Harold Wilson, the President of the Board of Trade, concluded in Moscow in December at short-term agreement of trade between the two countries.

## Hong Kong Trade With Britain

The Board of Trade returns for February do not show any great change in the general trend of British trading with China. Although an increase in China exports to Britain over the previous year is recorded, these for the most part lag behind the pre-war level. On the other hand, Britain is sending more goods out than she did in 1938, expansion being especially great with regard to Hong Kong.

Items of particular interest are the importation by Britain of miscellaneous raw materials and non-ferrous metals from Hong Kong, and silk and cotton yarns from Japan.

The three chief articles exported by China to Britain during the month were (figures are the value of the February total to the nearest thousand pounds sterling): Miscellaneous raw materials, £422; seeds and nuts for oil, £24; and beetroot, £15.

Unfortunately, with the exception of raw materials, which have increased about eight times, and silk which is slightly more than the average monthly amount for 1938, China's exports are below that gauge. British imports from Hong Kong are miscellaneous raw materials, £109 which, nearly a 20 per cent increase over the previous average, and an insignificant contingent of non-ferrous metals.

## Japan Trade

From Japan there had been received silk, £253, which is about two-thirds greater than the 1938 figure. The five leading exports during the month from Britain to China were: machinery, £139; iron and steel manufactures, £128; electrical goods, £68; miscellaneous articles wholly or partly manufactured, £23; and woolen and worsted, £49.

With the exception of other textile manufactures, all items exported record a considerable increase for the first two months of this year over the same period in 1940.

The five leading items exported to Hong Kong are: woolen and worsted, £149; vehicles, £92; other textiles, iron and steel, £71; and chemicals, £66.

Exports to Hong Kong all show a marked increase for the two months, over the previous amount. Meanwhile, shipping has still a long way to go to reach the pre-war level. This is shown in the February returns.

## Bao Dai's "New Line Of Action"

London, Apr. 1.  
Commenting in its current issue on the conflict between the French and the Vietnamese Republican Government in Indo-China, the "New Statesman" observes that "the French efforts, both on the political and military field, continue their record of failure."

## DARING HOLD-UP IN KOWLOON

A bold daylight robbery was perpetrated by five men both armed with revolvers in Canton Road, behind the Kowloon Godowns at 5.30 p.m. yesterday.

Chang Sing, 39, a coolie of the Kowloon Godowns, was taking a pay-roll of \$4,000 for himself and fellow workmen to the "Coolies' Quarters" at the corner of Canton and Hingphong Roads, when the two robbers accosted him and at the point of their revolvers relieved him of the money.

## BELGIAN LEGATION FOR MANILA

Belgium plans to raise the status of its Consulate in Manila to a Legation, Foreign Affairs Secretary Elpidio Quirino said in an interview.

He received a telegram from Philippines Minister Counsellor Narciso Ramos, "in" Washington, saying he had been informed by A. Locken, former Counsellor of the Belgian Legation in Lisbon, that he had been named Charge d'Affaires in Manila. — Associated Press.

## OVERCHARGED; SENTENCED

Two men who sold meat for more than the official price were sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment each by a Moscow court today.

The Soviet paper "Bolshevik" reporting this, said instructions had been given for a vigorous prosecution of all who defrauded customers.

One woman was sentenced to five years for giving short weight. — Reuters.

## RICE JUMPS

The price of rice jumped 10 per cent to 484 million per 100 pounds.

The spurt was blamed on insufficient rainfall and subsequent starvation, but occurred in Changchow, an interior rice-producing district 80 miles north-west of Nanking. — Associated Press.

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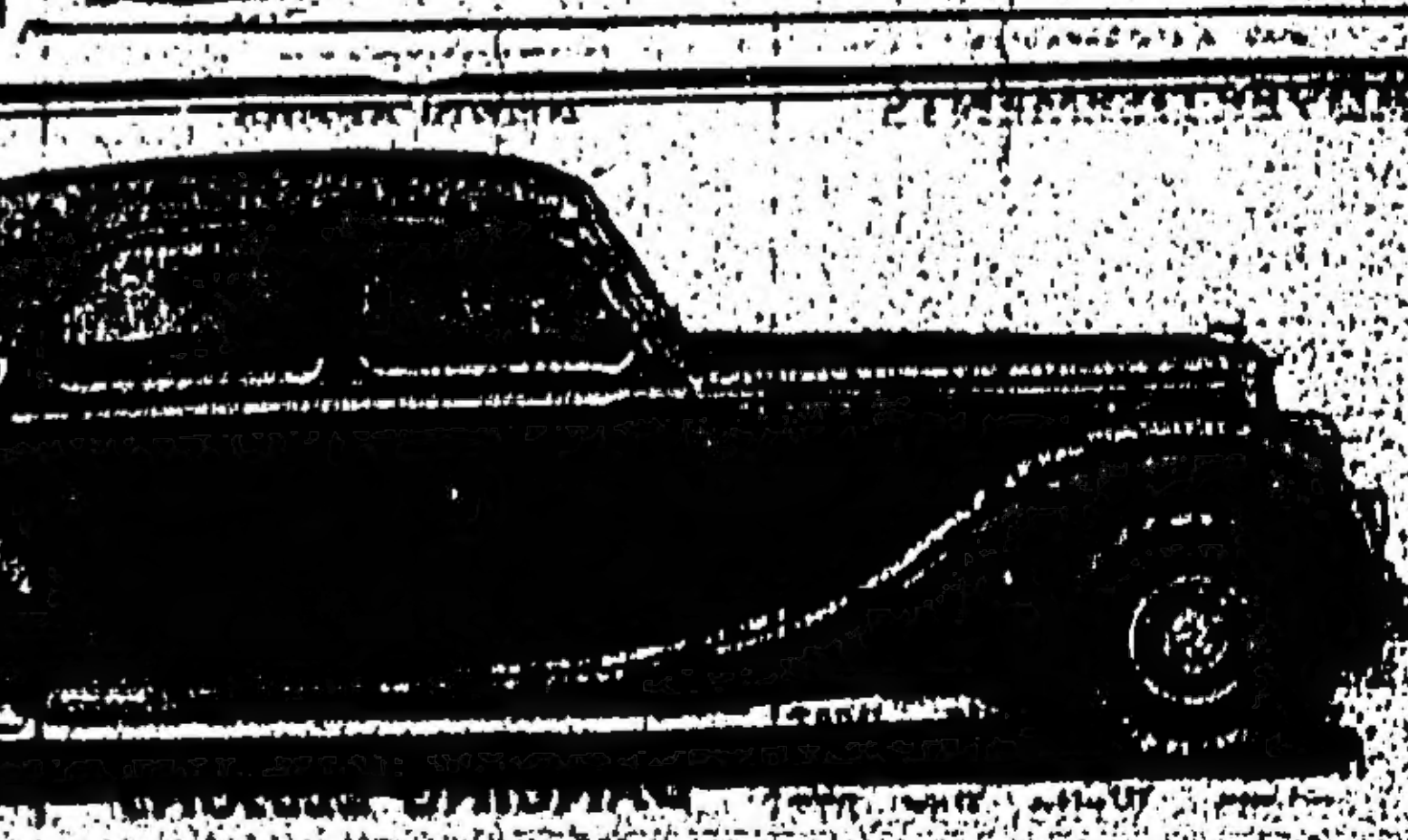


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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, 21st April, 1948, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY, 7th April, 1948, to WEDNESDAY, 21st April, 1948, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
B. C. FIELD, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th March, 1948.

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### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, Windsor House, Mezzanine Floor, Hong Kong, on Thursday 16th April, 1948, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to sanction the declaration of a Dividend and Bonus and to elect Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April, 1948, to 15th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

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The officers of the society are:

His Excellency Sir Alexander Grantham, K.C.M.G.—President,  
G. T. Rowe, Esq. (Oxon) Hon. R. H. Hughes, Esq. (Cantab) Secretaries

H. S. Mok, Esq.—Hon. Treasurer.

Membership is open to men whose names have been at any time on the roll of any college at either University.

Will those wishing to attend the dinner please send their names to either of the Secretaries at the Colonial Secretariat Building, Lower Albert Road, as soon as possible before 10th April, 1948.

Further details and tickets will be sent to individuals.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Seventy-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the SHANGHAI GAS COMPANY, LIMITED will be held at No. 650 Sitsang Road Shanghai on Monday the twelfth day of April 1948 at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon for the purposes following namely to receive and consider the Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect Directors and Auditors in the place of those retiring and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The transfer books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from Saturday the third day of April 1948 to Monday the twelfth day of April 1948, both days inclusive.

Proxies to be valid must be lodged with the Secretary at the above address not less than 48 hours before the Meeting.

Dated 3rd April, 1948,  
650 Sitsang Road, Shanghai.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
R. MIDDLETON, Secretary.

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## Britain Gets The Altitude Record

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Mr. Cunningham, a night fighter pilot during the war was credited with the destruction of 20 enemy aircraft. He was recently appointed chief test pilot for the De Havilland Aircraft Company.

The Minister of Supply, Mr. George Strauss, telegraphed his appreciation to the Chairman of the De Havilland Aircraft Company. The telegram said, "Warmest congratulations to you and John Cunningham and all your designers, constructors and work-people on a fine job and team work. This magnificent achievement is yet another proof of British ingenuity, enterprise and craftsmanship in aircraft construction."

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Yet even more swiftly came from Prague the tragic news of the death of Jan Masaryk, the Czechoslovak Foreign Secretary, who was deservedly one of the best loved men in the world. I, who had been his friend for 28 years as I had been the friend of his father, a still younger period, am convinced that Jan Masaryk ended his life because he could not bear the Communist pretence that his father would have approved of the destruction of Czechoslovak democratic freedom.

The effect of Jan Masaryk's death could be seen in the prompt agreement between the 16 states interested in the Marshall Plan and also in the convening of the Brussels treaty of the Western Union. I fancy, too, that they may have influenced the decision of President Truman to accept the European Recovery Programme; and at their conference in Brussels—the British, French and Benelux delegates succeeded, with smooth swiftness, in securing in any international gathering to drafting the terms of an economic, political and defensive pact of the Western European Union which was signed on March 17.

## Masaryk's Death

As an organization they have probably come in for more sniping than almost any other official body—not forgetting the British Council.

Many of these attacks have been understandable and a few of them justified. It is difficult for people at home, their belts tightened practically to the last notch, to keep their sense of proportion when gossip seeps back from Germany by intimate channels and vice in a heartbroken country.

Whatever the past may have been, it is the present and the future which concern us, and it is time they were recognized for what they are. As usual, gossip has been both inaccurate and out of date, and the facts are a great deal better than they are usually described.

I have just revisited the British zone after a year's absence, and I am, therefore, in a slight of another armed conflict, of the third World War? No prudent observer of world affairs will think that the danger exists nor will he affirm that it cannot be averted. Soviet Russia alone could answer this question decisively; and hitherto there have been no means of judging what her answer is likely to be.

President Truman's address to Congress carried an indictment of Russian policy since the end of war—for neither the United States nor the Governments of Western Europe have closed or wished to close the door to an agreement with Soviet Russia on any terms that will safeguard their own freedom and foster peace.

General Smuts, the great South African statesman, has called for a frank and friendly

# Irishman Who Freed Chile

By J. B. MECHAN

Much interest was aroused in Ireland when President Julian D. Peron, staked a claim for Chile in a part of the British-held Falkland Islands group and called it Bernardo O'Higgins Land. This brought to mind the exploits of the great Irishman who liberated Chile from the Spanish yoke. Bernardo O'Higgins was the son of Ambrose O'Higgins, who was a stable boy on the Countess of Bective's Co. Meath estates. He went to Peru as a pedlar, but became a wanderer among the Indians. He returned to civilization to become the leader of the Chilean forces which defeated the Indians, was leader with honours and eventually became Viceroy of Peru. During his period of office he introduced many social and industrial reforms. He built several towns, one with the unmistakable Irish name of "Ballinacree." He was educated at Richmond, England, returned to Chile, formed an underground army and rose to drive out the Spaniards. He was defeated after a most gallant struggle and fled over the mountains to Peru, where he reformed his army. Leading the assault from the mountains at the head of his famous O'Higgins Dragoons, he swept all before him, and with the help of Micaela, a Countess of Clogher, County Tyrone, he drove the Spanish into the sea. Not content with this he formed a fleet and appointed Lord Dunderdall its admiral. On the flagship O'Higgins, this great British sailor, emulating Drake, brought the war into the Spanish ports along the South American coast, made O'Higgins victory secure. Bernardo O'Higgins was called "The liberator" and made President.

Truman's address—that in the past year or two, the Russian veto has been used 21 times to prevent agreement.

My own answer to the question whether we are in sight of another armed conflict is tentative. It is hedged about with "but-and-ifs". If certain conditions are fulfilled I should not be surprised if those conditions be not fulfilled I cannot say that I should regard peace as a major probability of the future.

The first condition is that the free nations of the West, including the United States, should remain absolutely firm in their determination to face the risk of war rather than tolerate the undermining of the principles of liberty on which their civilisation is founded, and that they should allow no doubt to arise on this course.

The second condition is that their policy should be open-eyed and circumspect, never yielding to a temptation to gain a merely tactical advantage.

U.S. GENERAL GETS C.B.E.

Tokyo, Apr. 2. Major General William C. Chase, Commander of the First Cavalry Division, was presented with the C.B.E. today by Lieutenant General C. H. Gairdner, Mr. Attlee's personal representative to S.C.A.P.

The award was for Chase's "extraordinary heroism in liberating ... more than 3,700 civilian internees ... at Santo Tomas Internment camp ... in Manila during the Philippines campaign.—Associated Press.

## The Present Crisis In World Affairs

London, Mar. 30. If ordinary mortals feel bewildered by the rapid sequence of events in the international crisis—for crisis it undoubtedly is—and are anxious about its further course, think they are hardly alone in this feeling.

During the past month there has been a series of developments which have been more than "incidents" that has left us all a little breathless. We have not had time to take stock of one position before another supervened.

From February 20 onwards the Communist seizure of power in Czechoslovakia surprised and startled the Western world. It was felt to be a challenge which the free nations of the West could not ignore.

At Washington legislative proceedings were speeded up to sanction the European Recovery Programme; and at their conference in Brussels—the British, French and Benelux delegates succeeded, with smooth swiftness, in securing in any international gathering to drafting the terms of an economic, political and defensive pact of the Western European Union which was signed on March 17.

## THE WATCH ON THE RHINE

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Up-To-Date

Now the Commission is sorting itself out, and the smaller revised edition which is at the helm bears most of the signs of integrity and effort. Cuts have been made and there are more to come. By next month numbers will be down to the 16,000 mark.

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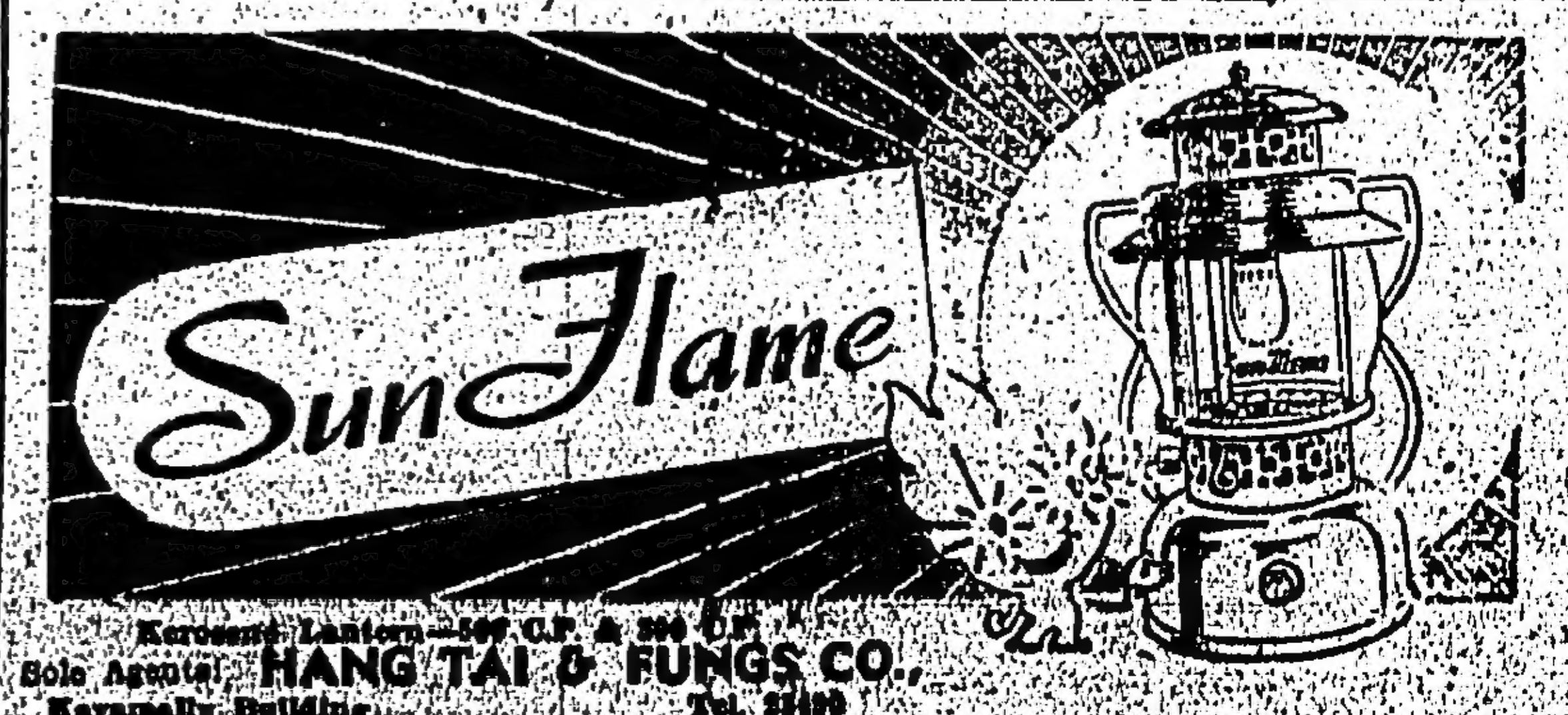
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### They Keep Fit

Ralph Hecins Stockholm

Having had a Socialist Government and been thorough trade-unionised for the last fifteen years, Sweden has had plenty of experience in providing for increased leisure of the mass of the population.

But a strong Puritan strain has seen the Swedish authorities do all possible to attract people away from gambling, the commercial dancehalls and drinking saloons.

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James White Copenhagen

The cycle which takes almost every Dane to work also takes him into the country on pleasure bent.

The fact that Danish inns encourage people to bring their own sandwiches makes this kind of evening out popular, healthy and inexpensive.

Few Danes fail to belong to several associations of clubs and much time is spent at social evenings. Restaurant-going is popular, too, even with working men. Language-schools, gymnasia, and schools of dancing, too, are far more widely attended than in Britain.

For the more serious-minded, there are State subsidised lectures and study circles.

As the organisers of these groups put it, "More leisure and higher wages are of no value unless you know how to use them."

But the Danish worker has never found any difficulty in knowing what to do with his leisure. Maybe that is because he has no five-day week, and even Saturday half-holidays are quite new.

### Out In The Open

H. A. Kuranda Berne

There is never any argument among the Bunzlis (example of a typical Swiss family) when it comes to decide how to spend leisure time.

The family's motto is "Out into the open!" Mother Bunzli gets a big food parcel ready and the whole family sets out, in strong walking boots, by train, bus or boat for some beauty spot.

Weather or season are of little importance to the Bunzlis. In winter the whole family goes skiing, and there is even beauty in walking in the rain, the Swiss think.

There is a particular pleasure in anticipating the end of the

Although he has about eight hours more leisure each week than most Georgians, the American is in general no hobby lover.

Sports have a vast following but bridge and poker are easily the most popular indoor games.

President Truman is a keen—and rash—poker fan. In summer he will also step out of his oval study on to the White House lawn to give his staff a hiding at pillow-fighting horse shoes.

American women go in for rug-waving, but most of the younger ones prefer rug cutting—jitter-bugging to you.

On a country walk you will encounter hardly any other hikers and only an occasional amateur artist, though, amateur photography, some of it very amateur, has clicked strongly with Americans.

Newcastle has more cycling club members than there are in the whole United States, perhaps because so many Americans have cars and can get all the petrol they want at a gallon.

Hobby shops do a brisk trade, selling tools and model making materials, but in America's hobbyland the dollar is often king.

So much the better if you can make a hobby pay, is a frequent attitude here. That is why stamp collecting has boomed in the last few years into a national gambling craze.

### An Extra Wife

Leslie Smith Pelipak

When the average Chinese gets money, and thereby leisure, if he wants it, he does a number of things the British workman would probably like but cannot do. He buys himself the biggest, shiniest, most chromium plated American car that he can afford, and then rides around in it, pulling a big cigar so that his friends can see that he is either in the money or the government.

He quite often, he goes out and gets himself another wife. After that never a dull moment. His wives see to that. He thrills himself with one innuendo, and the domestic battles that ensue keep him more than occupied. When these fights overflow into the street, the leisure problem for the neighbours is solved too!

Socially recluses, of whom there are a few left, practise Chinese brushwriting for a lifetime to perfect their handwriting. But for the most part other leisure-time activities exist only in European imagination and are fed by the Chinese Government from a file which I imagine they

## UNION HANGS ON ITALIAN THREAD

Recent events have been more momentous than any that have taken place since the end of the German war.

With the signing of the Brussels pact the first big step towards Western Union was taken. Barely an hour after its signature, and barely a year after the enunciation of the Truman Doctrine, the President of the United States declared to the world America's decision to underwrite the new union with military as well as economic aid.

His speech and the support which it has evoked from the American public have put new heart into the wavering Western peoples. The Government of Scandinavia have been encouraged to speak out boldly against the menace of Communism, and to increase their participation in the 10-nation machinery. There has been a stiffening of the defences over the whole of the Western front.

### By Alastair Forbes

### Principal Fear

But though the end of the period of the paper protest may now seem to be in sight, much remains to be done in the dangerous and uncertain future.

Since Mr. Marshall's Harvard speech the principal fear inside the American Administration has been lest the still free nations of Europe should continue to delay and procrastinate over the formation of what might just as well be called a Western bloc.

There was never any doubt of American determination to assist and defend such a bloc just as soon as it came into existence. It was the reluctance and the blundering timidity of Mr. Bevin and the Labour Party's approach to the problem which were criticised in this column and elsewhere.

Now that the first step has at last been taken everything must be done to make up for lost time. We are still on thin ice and we must move swiftly if the ice is not to break beneath our feet.

The principal ally of Russian Communism in its march across Europe has been the weakness of America and of the Western nations. This weakness has created fear, and it is that fear which has served Communism so well.

Communism, backed by irresistible Russian power, has cunningly managed to look like the winning side. Mr. Truman's great speech, the importance of which must be seen against the limitations of his country's constitution and the exigencies of an election campaign, promises measures for increasing America's armed strength, which must remain for a generation at least our principal insurance against another world war.

### Dangerous Indifference

Mr. Truman's message has made it certain that the European Recovery Programme will be disposed of before the Italian elections on April 18. Important as this undoubtedly is, it may still not be sufficient to influence the result decisively.

Signor de Gasperi himself is believed to have forecast that the Communist Popular Front poll may be somewhere in the neighbourhood of 38-40 per cent. Such a figure would be dangerously high, and would almost inevitably cause a situation in which violent civil strife might set off a continental conflict. Will Western Union be able to exert sufficient magnetic attraction to pull back Italy from the jaws of Communism?

Ever since it has been in power the Labour Government has displayed a dangerous Italian attitude towards Italy. The only Cabinet Minister so far to visit Italy has been Lord Jowitt (selected no doubt as a suitable envoy on account of his frequent changes of side), and his mission is not known to have accomplished much.

### Not Getting Support

De Gasperi's Christian Democrats, the Liberals, even the Quinquaginta all the parties who stand in varying degrees for Western humanism, deserve British support. But they are not getting it.

It is most regrettable that there have not been more signs of British sympathy for Italian difficulties in recent years. It is all very well for Mr. Eden to stress the importance of Italy's being incorporated into Western Union, but it is his own war-time promises to the Senate which are today making votes for Communism and for Russia, now supporting Italian colonial demands.

Mr. Bevin should consider very carefully if he has done anything in his power to adjust British policy towards Italy, where at present it is being principally judged and condemned on the

recent clumsy handling of the Mogadishu affair.

The Italian elections offer an opportunity for Russia to extend her conquests westwards once more by not too unconditional means. Should she fail, there is the gravest danger that she may exploit the probable strife in Northern Italy to a point where actual invasion of Italian soil might be contemplated.

The secession of Italy to the Communists, whether by constitutional or other means, would render France's position untenable and would thus destroy Western Union within a few weeks of its inception. There very little sign that members of the Labour Party have sufficiently understood this danger.

The Government must consider the advisability of giving by every means in its power more active assistance to the Italian people in their present confusion and doubt. In all this the Tories, too, have a part to play.

### Commons And The 'Purge'

"Communism," as the Swedish Prime Minister said on Thursday, "has put itself outside the democratic community." The democratic community is, therefore, perfectly entitled to take steps against Communism, which it would not normally employ against its free citizens. The steps which Mr. Attlee has announced in order to remove Communists and their friends from the public service can be welcomed without quibbles of conscience.

It might well, however, have been better if the Communist Party had been made illegal in the first place.

Nevertheless, the House of Commons should be permitted to discuss the "purge," which, while well within any Government's rights, does raise issues of great political and constitutional importance.

### Unnecessary Mystery

A great deal of unnecessary mystery attaches to the activities of the branch known as M.I.5.

My own small experience of that organisation suggests that its information is by no means invariably reliable. Many people would simply not recognise themselves in the descriptions contained in their dossiers. It is extremely important that the work of weeding out the political perverts should proceed with fairness as well as with speed.

For this reason there is much to be said for the appointment of an Appeal Tribunal sitting in camera.

### "FASCIST PLOT"

Rome, Apr. 2. The Communist-inspired newspaper La Repubblica tonight splashed a front page story claiming that several leading former Fascists were involved in a plot to "prepare a civil war in order to oppose a victory of the Popular Front" in the coming elections.

American "anti-Communist" counter-intelligence and the British Secret Service were both stated to be supporting the movement.—Reuter.

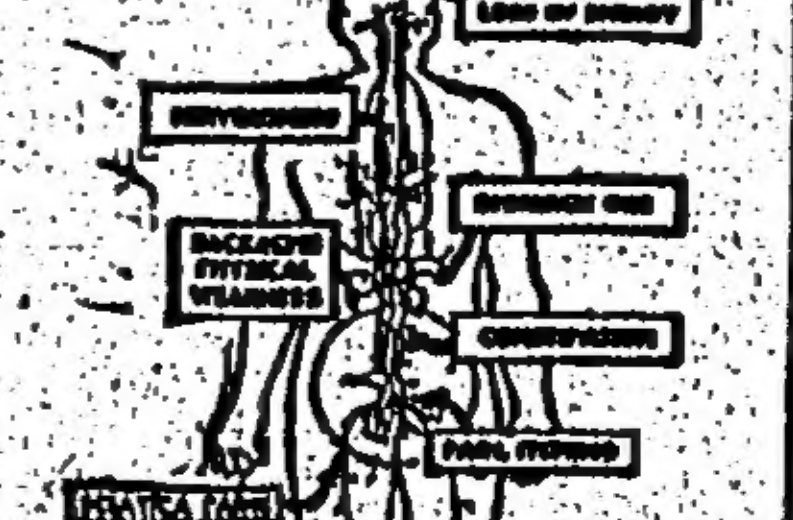
### FIGHTERS FOR ISRAEL

New York, Apr. 2. About 1,500 men have been recruited here by the American League for a Free Palestine to fight for the Jewish State. Major Samuel Weiser, commander of the Hebrew Legion of England, reported.

State Department officials have said that passports will not be issued to Americans seeking to fight in Palestine.—Reuter.

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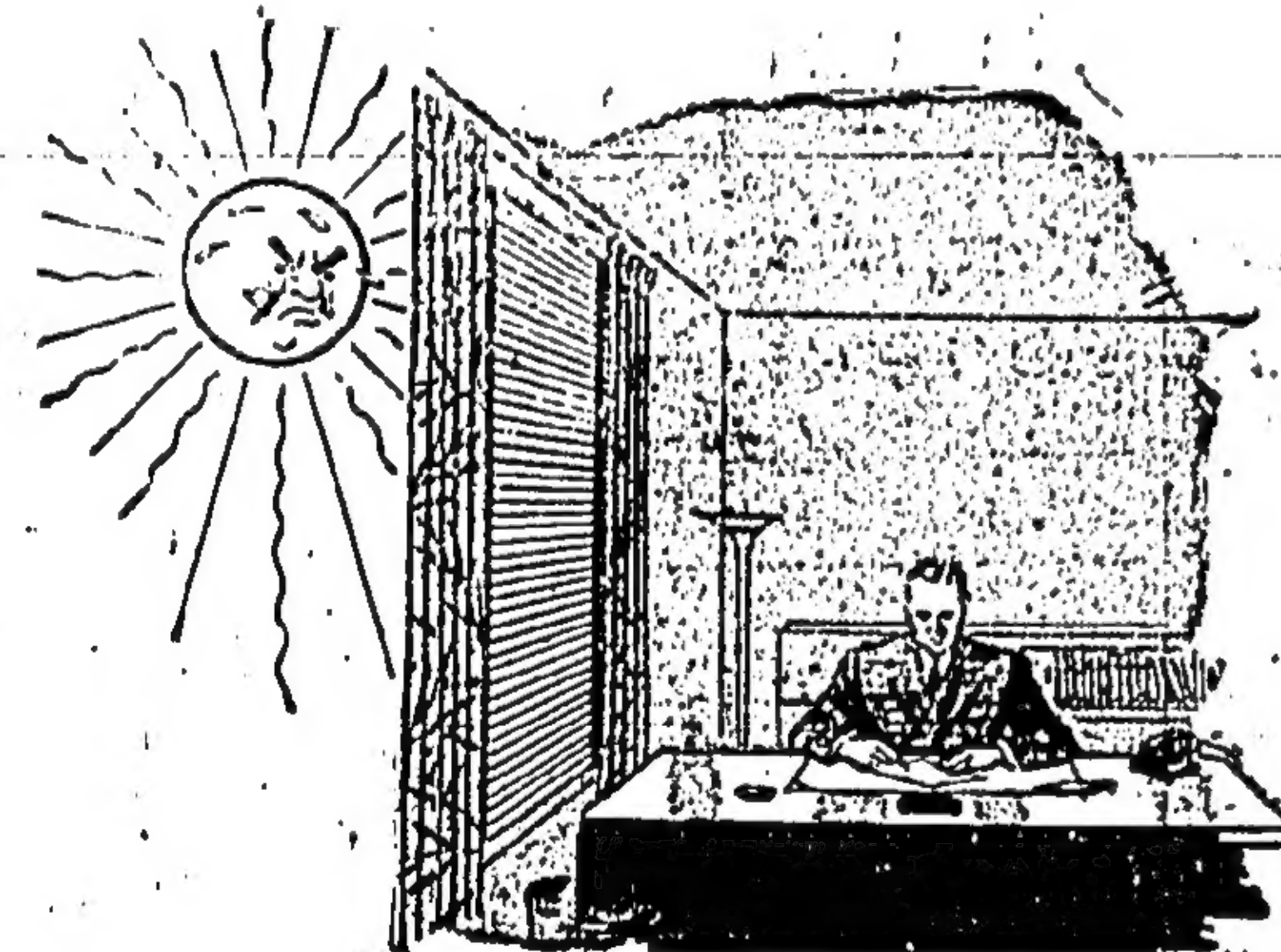
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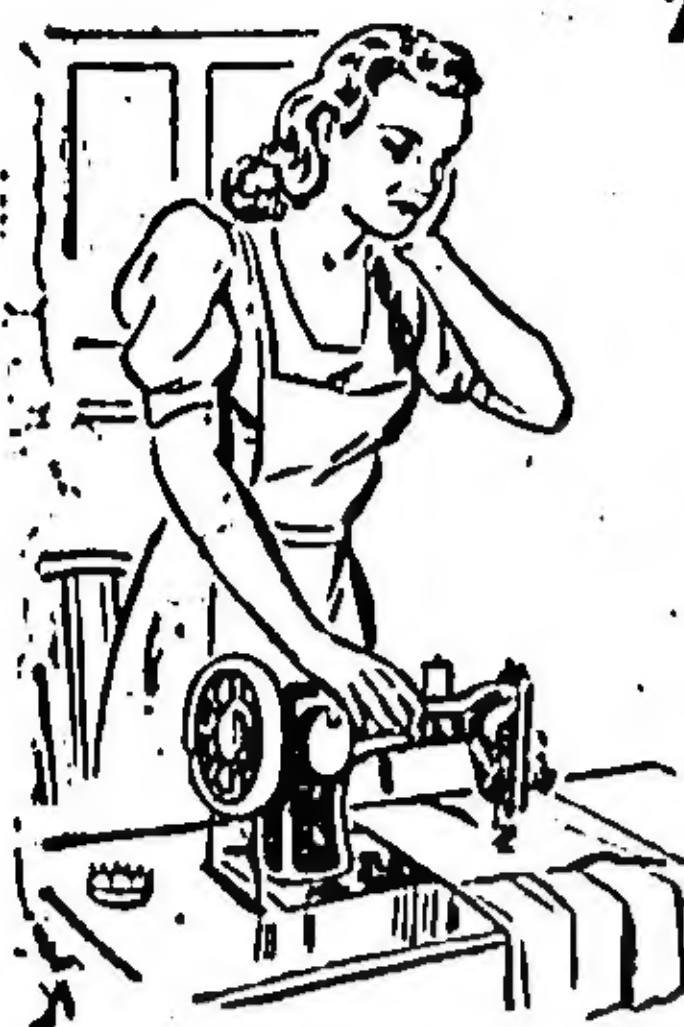
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# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

## Fundamental Right Of The People, Says UNO Conference Resolution

### Contrary Satellite Vote Defeated

Geneva, Apr. 2.

The main committee of the United Nations Conference on Freedom of Information adopted here today an American resolution declaring that "freedom of information is a fundamental right of the people, and is the touchstone of all the freedoms to which the United Nations is dedicated, without which world peace cannot well be preserved."

The resolution was carried by 27 votes to six. The Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Byelorussia, the Ukraine and Yugoslavia voted against it.

An alternative Russian draft, insisting on the eradication of Fascist ideologies, was defeated. The American resolution also said:

"Freedom of information also carries the right to gather, transmit and disseminate news anywhere and everywhere without fetters."

"Freedom of information depends for its validity upon the availability to the people of a diversity of sources of news and opinion. Freedom of information further depends upon the willingness of the press and other agencies of information to employ the privilege derived from the people without abuse accepting the obligation to seek the facts without prejudice, and to spread knowledge without malicious intent."

"It further depends on an effective recognition of legal responsibility."

The British delegation obtained the deletion from the resolution of a provision condemning monopolies, which would have banned the BBC. Tomorrow, the Committee will vote on a Russian proposal denying freedom of expression in those who advocate Fascist propaganda and aggression in any form.

The Pakistan delegate said he was willing to vote for the Soviet proposition if it excluded from the right to freedom of expression those who advocate both Fascist and Communist propaganda.

A Dutch resolution banning all previous censorship of the press, radio and films was adopted today by a technical committee of the Conference.

The Australian, Indian and Belgian delegates obtained from voting because legislation in their countries provided for previous censorship of films and writing matter in certain circumstances.

### "Utterly Unreal"

The Soviet delegate said the resolution was "utterly unreal" because if States considered censorship necessary, they would not implement it.

"In view of the responsibility of some reporters, sovereign states need some protection against them," he said.

Technical committees adopted four British resolutions providing that:

(1) No foreign correspondent legally on a State's territory may be expelled on account of his legally exercising his right to seek, receive and impart information and opinion.

### Four Resolutions

(2) A Government may not exercise any political, personal, racial, national or religious discrimination when supplying material to organs of information.

(3) No such discriminatory measures should be taken against those wishing to avail themselves

## Queensland Strike Ends

Sydney, Apr. 2.

Queensland's 61-year-old railway and port strike, one of the most disastrous in the state's history, collapsed today after railwaymen at mass meetings overruled their leaders' advice to accept the Government's terms on wage increases.

The terms, which the men accepted, were those originally offered two months before the strike started in February. They will go back to work on Monday or Tuesday. Waterfront workers and seamen are expected here today to follow the railwaymen's lead, thus ending in a few days time the sea and rail "blockade" of Queensland.—Reuter.

of mass information media and Government should inquire into public and private monopolies in the information organs of each country.

(4) Everyone, without intimidation or pressure, should be allowed to possess radio sets capable of receiving emissions, both national and international, on all wavelengths.—Reuter.

## Rumours About Taylor's Talks With Franco

Albion, Mar. 3.

Although neither the press nor anyone has disclosed anything about Thursday night's meeting between Generalissimo Franco and Myron Taylor, President Truman's personal representative at the Vatican, unconfirmed rumours raced through Madrid that Taylor discussed Spain's position in the event of an armed clash between the East and West.

Taylor and the United States Embassy were both silent. The U.S. Charge d'Affaires, Paul Culbertson, who was excluded from the interview by Franco himself, told correspondents today that he did not know the subject of the conversation.

The official wall of secrecy thrown around Taylor's visit and the Franco interview were fertile ground for the crop of rumours.

Those who professed knowledge pointed out that Robert Bell, a U.S. War Department Official assigned to accompany Taylor, was present at the meeting.

Their version, which could be fabricated or the result of some hint dropped by official circles, was that Taylor sought to learn what Spain would do in case of war. Their version of the reply was that Spain would adopt a policy of non-belligerency unless attacked.

Rumour had it that Ceuta, the Spanish jutting point of Spanish Morocco

opposite Gibraltar, also figured in the conversations.

Taylor continued his conferences for the second day today. During the morning he conferred lengthily with Cayetano Icaza, Papal Nuncio to Madrid, and later he was the guest at a luncheon of the Foreign Minister Alberto Martin Ariza, at the Minister's official residence. Other guests included Culbertson and Edward F. Moffitt, U.S. Embassy Secretary.

The luncheon was to conclude the official programme. Taylor and Bell leave by air on Saturday.—Associated Press.

Vatican City, Apr. 2.

Cardinal Enrico Sillia recently suffered a paralytic stroke at his home at Anagni and grave fears are expressed about his condition. It was learned today. The Pope has sent his special Apostolic Blessing. Cardinal Sillia is now 87.—Reuter.

## Atom-Bomb Stunted Children

Palo Alto, Calif., Apr. 2.

A scientist said today the shock of the atom bomb explosions at Hiroshima and Nagasaki temporarily stopped the growth of Japanese children who came through the ordeal.

This effect was due primarily to a pressure wave which spread out with destructive effect a mile or more from the blast centres. Photographs of more than 1,000 children who were in the outer areas of the blast were taken by Dr. William W. Gruelich, Stanford University anatomist, under sponsorship of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. They formed the basis for the report.

Leg and arm bones shown in the photographs have telltale white lines extending across them near the ends. They show up frequently in the leg bones a little below the knee and above the ankle. This is the region of bone growth.

The leg and arm bones become longer by the gradual addition of spongy material at each end. As the child ages, the spongy matter hardens progressively toward the ends. The white cross lines represent the premature hardening of bone which should have continued to grow and lengthen.—Associated Press.

## DIAMONDS FOUND

Georgetown, Apr. 2.

The British Guiana Government today closed an area of 1,000 square miles near the Brazilian frontier where large diamond finds were being made.

Using diving helmets, 15 men found stones at an average of 300 carats daily in the bed of the Eschlebar River, a tributary of the Ireng, the boundary with Brazil.

The majority of the stones are large industrial stones. One miner returned here with stones of 8,000 carats found by a team of 11 men in a week.

The Government has closed the area pending negotiations with a big English mining company.—Reuter.

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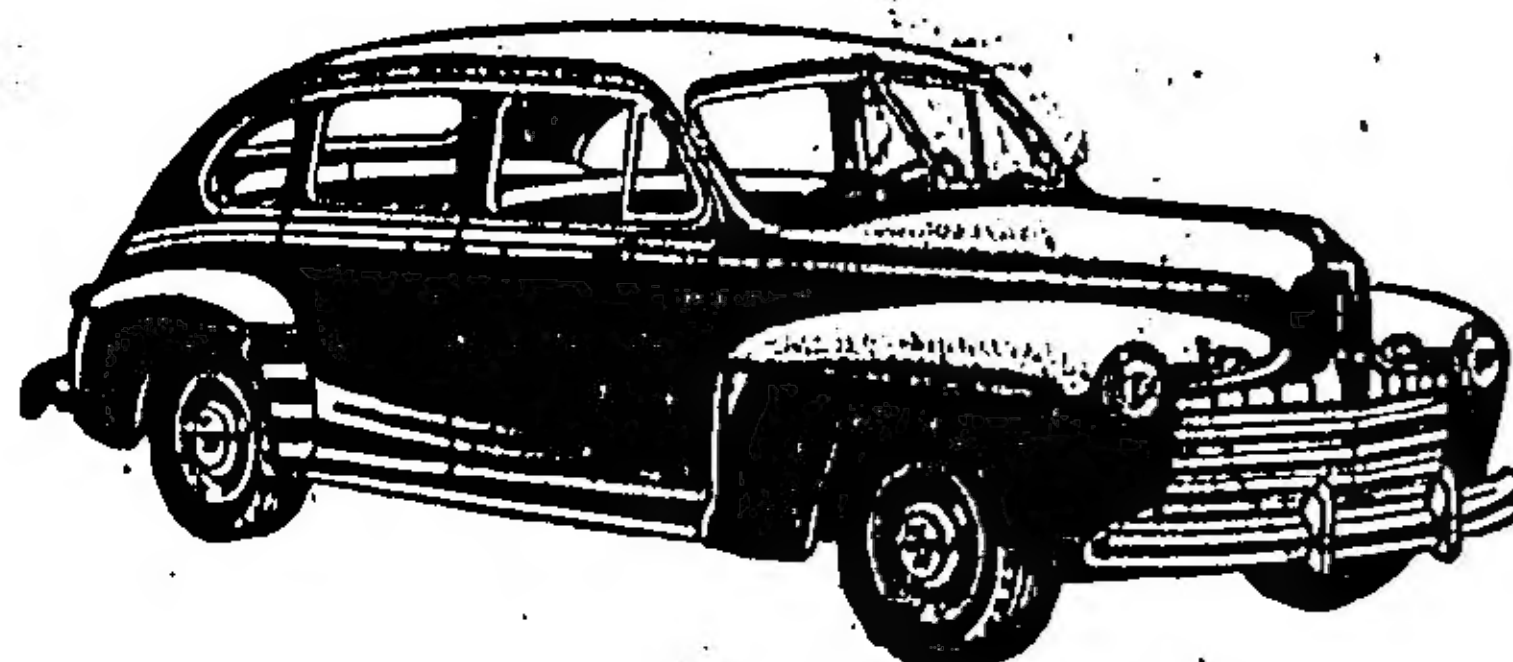
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# MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

By Margaret Bradbury



LEAVE IN THE U.K.

Two high-ranking members of the Hong Kong Police Force are expected to leave the Colony in the near future. They are Deputy Commissioner Mr. L. H. C. Calthrop and Senior Supt. Mr. S. Major. Mr. Calthrop, accompanied by his wife and two children—Shirley, aged 13, and Jeremy aged 12—will sail in the Egyptian ship "Al Sudan" due to leave Hong Kong on Thursday. They will disembark at Marseilles and make their way across France by train and boat to England where they hope to arrive about May 10th. Their plans while on leave will centre around Mrs. Calthrop's family home in Devon and possibly take in a short trip to Ireland.

Mr. Calthrop said yesterday: "My holiday plans include some tennis, golf and driving a motor car as far as the petrol allowance will allow me." Mr. Calthrop first came to Hong Kong in 1924. Since that time he has seen many changes take place including the development of Kowloon and the building of the Peninsula and Gloucester Hotels. At the time of his arrival people who drove out as far as Prince Edward Road found themselves in the countryside. During the war, he was interned in Stanley and on the re-occupation he returned to England for leave and came back in July 1946. Mrs. Calthrop and their children were in Australia during the war. An active social member of the Colony, Mrs. Calthrop is particularly interested in the Girl Guides, of which Association she is a Secretary.

Mr. S. Major is expected to leave in the next trip of the s.s. "Comet" in order to join Mrs. Major and their 7-year-old son Seymour who left Hong Kong in the ship's last trip to England in February. Mrs. Major went ahead in order to make arrangements for the schooling of Seymour who is to attend Portbrook School, near Portsmouth. Mr. Major has been in Hong Kong since 1920 and his work for many years consisted of Special Branch duty until he became Commanding Officer Hong Kong at the end of November 1946. He was also interned in Stanley but Mrs. Major left for Australia just before the occupation where their son was born. In the absence of Mr. Calthrop, Mr. Major will become Acting Deputy Commissioner until he leaves for his holiday in England.

NEW PHILIPPINE CONSUL

The Hon. Manuel A. Alzate, first Philippine Consul General to Australia and New Zealand, will leave Hong Kong during the week-end for Sydney where he will establish a central office. In his party going to Australia are Mrs. Alzate, nee Emilia Ongelako, well known Filipino pharmacist whose parents are Chinese; Dr. Adenaldo J. Agbayani, dean of the School of Foreign Service of Manila University; Miss Asuncion Arvelino, a Consular staff member, and Mr. Edgardo O. Alzate the Consul General's son.

At the Children's Easter Dress Parade held in the Hong Kong Hotel last night, the juvenile version of the New Look was displayed. Here are two of the young models, 4½-year-old Doreen Frisquo (left) and Marina Burgin, aged 5½, showing off two afternoon dresses with frilly, three-layered bustles attached to the back.

who has been studying law at the Pontifical University in Manila. The new Consul General is not a newcomer to Hong Kong. His last visit here was in 1947 on his way to the U.N.O. rice conference in India.

Neither will he be a newcomer to Australia, where in 1936 he was spokesman for the Philippine delegation to the International Civil Aviation conference. Of present day conditions in his own country, Mr. Alzate said yesterday: "We have been hit by several typhoons since the end of the war, and have lost a big portion of last year's rice crop. As a rice grower, I lost 60 per cent of my own crop. The general shortage of rice has caused much trouble. We have to import through the Rice Control in the East, principally from Siam. So far we have been allocated 1,500 metric tons every three months but although this will alleviate the situation it will not allow the population to consume anything like their pre-war normal amount of rice." Saying that Manila was the most war-damaged city apart from Warsaw, Mr. Alzate added that it is being rehabilitated gradually and buildings for business purposes especially are being reconstructed rapidly. Housing accommodation, he said, is not good, but the shortage is not so acute as in Hong Kong. Rent controls have been laid down but landlords may not ask for more than 12 per cent of the assessable asset of any dwelling.

ROYAL ARTIST.

Miss Tong, Shek Sha, close relative of the former Manchurian Royal family and a niece of the late Emperor Kwan Shui, recently arrived in Hong Kong for a three weeks' holiday from Shanghai.



Consul General M. A. Alzate, en route to Australia.

she owes her success as an artist to the time she spent in the Emperor's Palace. The many beautiful paintings and works of art which were hung in the Palace rooms inspired Miss Tong to teach herself the art of painting on silks.

FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Among passengers who sailed in the M.V. "Ruyne" on Wednesday was Mr. "Max" Oxford, Deputy Director of Air Services in the Colony, who together with his wife is beginning long leave. They intend to spend a short time in South Africa before going to England and are due back here at the beginning of next year.

here at the beginning of next year. Mr. Oxford joined the Air Services Dept. in 1938 and just before the surrender of the Colony to the Japanese he escaped with a number of other Government officials and went to Chungking. He returned to Hong Kong on the re-occupation with the B.M.A. Another member of the Hong Kong community who sailed on the "Ruyne" was Mr. D.J.L. McWhirter who resigned from his position in the Secretariat to take up farming in South Africa.

BY THE WAY.

I hear that Mr. Denis Ding, Asst. Manager of British American Tobacco Company in Hong Kong who left at the end of last month for America to consult with specialists, underwent an operation last Friday. Mr. Ding will remain away until the autumn.

Superintendent Richard Haig-Brown, Staff Officer to the Commissioner of Police, left Hong Kong on Friday for a short visit to Singapore. He is expected back early this week.

An amalgamated session of the Portuguese Institute and the Sino-British Club is scheduled to take place at the Club Lusitano on Friday next. Father Cronin will speak on the work of Portuguese missions in China.

Dr. C. T. Wang, one-time Chinese Ambassador to America, arrived here yesterday by plane from Manila. Dr. Wang is head of the Chinese National Athletic Federation.

Children from 33 schools in the Colony contributed during the week to the handicraft exhibition now on show on the 2nd floor of the Sincere Department Store. Students from the showing articles comprised of metal, wood, paper and needlework, as well as novelties in embroidery and trimmings. None of the articles is for sale, but the show will remain open until next Wednesday afternoon.

This week on Friday and Saturday the University Arts Association are presenting their first post war dramatic production "Arms and the Man" in the University Art Theatre Gymnasium. "Arms and the Man" is one of Bernard Shaw's earlier plays published in a volume called "Plays Pleasant". It is not only a diverting little comedy (from which the opera, "The Chocolate Soldier" was adapted) but also even today a telling satire on the illusions that surround love and war. Bernard Shaw was one of the first to grasp that the advent of weapons had put an end to the comic-opera heroics of war and soldiering. Pistols and flashing eyes and swords were now useless against machine-guns and bombs. He also makes fun in this play of the absurd pretences and illusions that lovers indulge in, and this gives it a perennial charm and wit. With the recent experience of two world wars behind them, audiences today might not be so startled by his early contemporaries by his mockery of cherished schoolboy heroics. But the behaviour of lovers has changed so little that what has been lost on the one count will be amply repaid on the other. The play will be given two performances. The first on Friday will begin at 8.30, for the convenience of school parties, while the performance on Saturday will begin at 8.30.

The cast is:—Raimo Pelkoff, Elizabeth Rice, Catherine Fiddell, Evelyn L. Louisa, Valerie Beeching, Capt. Bluntchill, Hays Anthony, An Officer—Ernest Low, Nicola—Robert Low, Major Pelkoff—Reinaldo Oblitas, Major Sergius Saranoff—Eric Ho. The play is produced by Reinaldo Oblitas.

## BUT THE LION IS NOT YET DEAD

The troubles which beset Britain have once more encouraged the jackals to nibble at the flank, at outposts of the British Empire. The Latin Americans, feeling their feet in this brave new world which seems to pay fine dividends in exchange for "bold work" have not been slow to try their luck.

But this is no new thing. Whenever it has seemed to the Argentine or to Guatemala, Mexico, or even some of our closer friends that the Lion of Britain has been gravely embarrassed they have nibbled. There has been much sound but little fury, for they have learned all ways that the Lion is not dead, neither is it sleeping.

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It is 100 years since Palmerston gave his first blunt, uncompromising "No" to the Argentine's demand for the Falklands. Since then it has been a routine matter, an annual skirmish for the Falklands, and with a routine answer.

quarter the globe and comprise the British Empire have slowly taken on a meaning that should not have escaped the least intelligent observer.

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It seems to have surprised the Guatemalans that their impatient threats to British Honduras awakened such a swift response. They are so out of the world.

business in very separate compartments. We do not confuse war and peace.

When the Lion of Britain roars there is much sound. But the fury is not far behind. It seems that the people of Guatemala have discovered this and the news may have penetrated farther afield.

Meanwhile the Britons of Belize will not have been worried unduly. I know them well. I know their love and pride in Britain. The sight of the cruiser "Sheffield" and Devonshire within their harbour brought wide grins to those loyal faces, black faces and white faces, and all shades between. For the crews of the "Sheffield" and the Devonshire had not come to play football.

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### By R. W. Thompson

themselves that they had imagined that the Lion might not feel the nibble, or they imagined that it no longer dared to roar.

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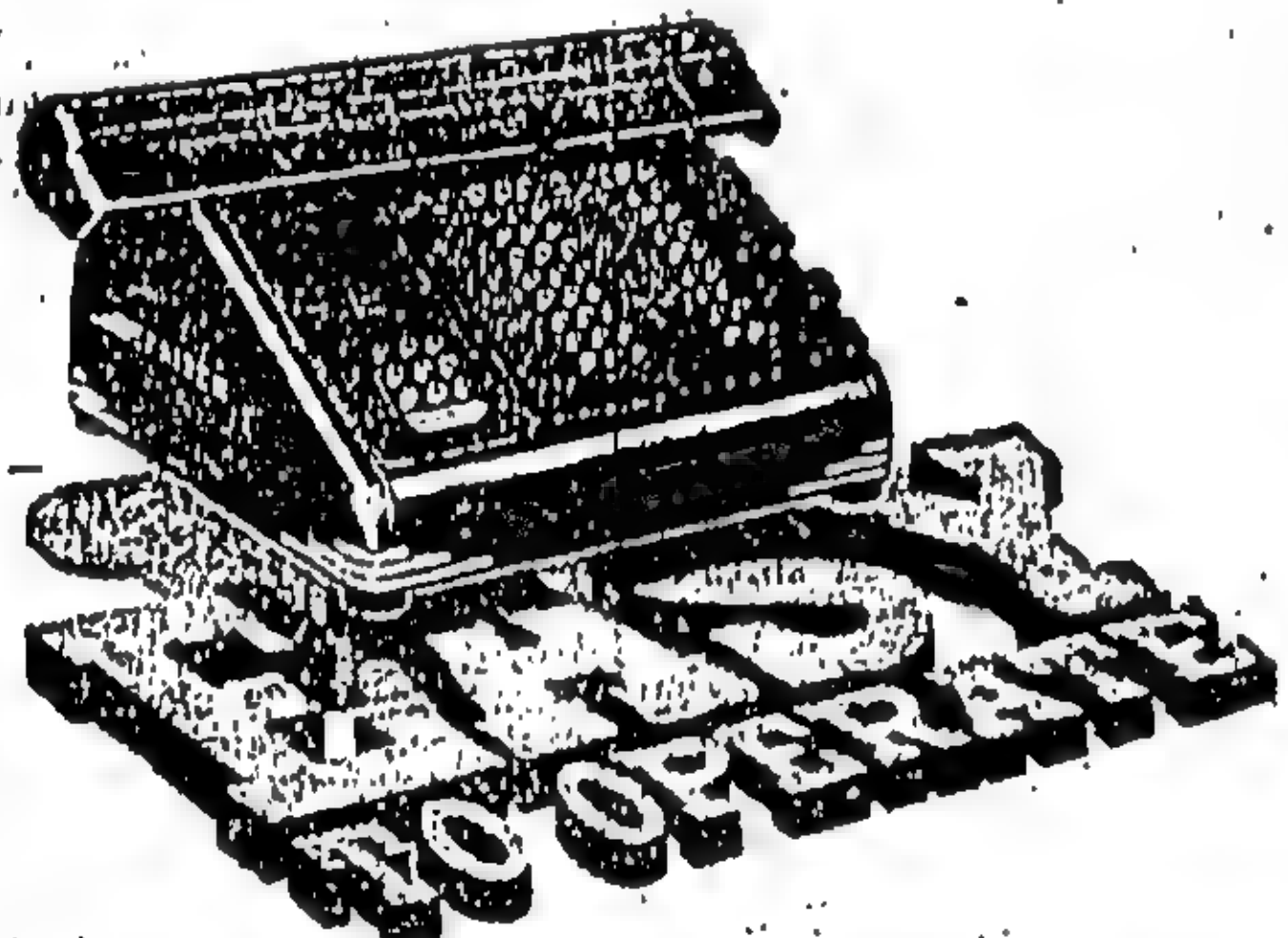
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## Congress Overrides President

Washington, Apr. 2. The United States Congress today enacted into law over the Presidential veto a \$4,800 million tax reduction bill for America's 52,000,000 taxpayers.

The passage of the bill, making the tax cut effective from last January, was clinched when the Senate rolled up the better than two-thirds majority required to kill the President's veto.

Before the Senate acted, the House of Representatives had voted 311 to 88 to override the President's veto earlier in the day, with 45 votes to spare. The Senate voting figures were 77 to 10-19 above the required, two-thirds majority.

With both Chambers providing the necessary margins, the Republican-sponsored bill thus became law immediately the Senate vote was announced.—Reuter.

## RUSSO-FINNISH TALKS HANGING FIRE

Helsinki, Mar. 2. A conflict between the President, Government and Parliament over military clauses of the proposed Russo-Finnish Security Pact today brought members of the Finnish delegation flying back to Helsinki from Moscow. Urho Kekkonen, a personal confidant of President Juho Paasikivi, and J. O. Soederhjelm arrived at Helsinki's Malmi Airport at 1.30 p.m. (GMT) after four hours delay because of fog conditions here. A message was waiting for them to report immediately to the President.

Finnish political quarters were frank in expressing concern over the crucial stage of the negotiations. Their particular fear was that the Russians might be impatient. Marshal Josef Stalin made his original proposal to President Paasikivi by letter about six weeks ago. Among all Russian satellites who have signed similar pacts recently, only in the case of the Finns have negotiations dragged out more than a few days.

The sudden shift of developments from Moscow to Helsinki started late on Wednesday night. As nearly as the situation can be pieced together from informed Finnish sources through official secrecy this is what happened.

After consulting with his advisers and Cabinet for four days Paasikivi finally framed new instructions for the Finnish delegation on the basis of the Russian draft of a treaty.

He proposed alterations on two main military clauses. The changes would bind Finland to defend its borders in the event of attack directed against the Soviet Union but would leave Finland to decide when such attack threatened and collaboration with the Russians was to begin.

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## Left-Wing Leader Assassinated

Rome, Apr. 2. A Left Wing Labour leader was assassinated in Sicily at midnight last night. The Interior Minister, Mario Scelba, immediately ordered a shakeup in the island's police command to forestall Communist charges of negligence. Scelba later broadcast a blunt attack on Communist election tactics, accusing the Reds of using "calumnies, intimidation and violence" to promote pre-election fear throughout Italy.

Other government sources said the repeated Communist charge that Fascists were plotting to seize power in Italy on election day, April 18, was "deliberately aimed at alarming the nation."

Unidentified machinegunners, firing from ambush, killed Calogero Caglianini, Secretary of the Communist-controlled Sicilian Agricultural Workers Union, near Camporeale in Northwest Sicily. Two of his companions were seriously wounded.

Twelfth To Die  
Caglianini was the twelfth man killed in pre-election violence and the thirty-sixth Leftist.

Motorised Italian troops and police swept the approaches to Rome today uncovering a vast network of hidden arms sufficient to equip a battalion. Between 30 and 40 communists were arrested.

Dispatches from Northern Italy today said a bomb was hurled at the home of a Rightist leader at Gallarate, near Milan. The leader's wife was injured. At Pistrà Tagliata, sentries fired on a group of unidentified persons who tried to force their way into an armed ammunition dump.—Associated Press.

There Will Be No Atomic War

Prague, Apr. 2. Hyman Levy, professor of Mathematics at London University, told Socialist scientists here yesterday he was "convinced" Russia had the atomic bomb.

He said, however, there would be no atomic war, because the workers of all the Western countries would refuse to fight against Russia.

According to the Prague papers Professor Levy said he was convinced the USSR knows how to produce atomic bombs and has some of them.

Professor Levy came to Czechoslovakia at the invitation of the Ministry of Information. He lectured at "Slav House" for the Socialist and Workers Academies and the Scientists Society.—United Press.

Cynical Betrayal Of Jews--Laski

New York, Apr. 1. Professor Harold Laski of Britain tonight characterized the Palestine situation as "one of the most cynical betrayals in history."

In a speech at the American Jewish Congress, Laski said the British Government was most responsible for the betrayal.

He charged that the British Government had "sacrificed its honour—and the Jews."

Laski also blamed the United States Government, British Jews and world Jewry.

He said the British Government sheltered itself behind a Jewish terrorism which it itself incited.

Congressman Denied A Passport

Washington, Apr. 2. The State Department disclosed today that it has refused to issue a passport to Representative Leo Jackson, American Labour Party Congressman from New York, who wanted to attend a "congress" in Paris next month dedicated to furnishing aid to the Greek guerrilla forces.

The Department's action in refusing a passport to a Congressman was unprecedented.

Jackson won his seat in Congress in a special election last February, with the support of Henry Wallace, Third Party Presidential candidate.

His passport was not denied because of Jackson's political beliefs but because the purpose of his proposed visit is a purely partisan one, the State Department said.

## Grand Duchess Charged

Copenhagen, Apr. 2. The Independent newspaper "Information" reported today that the Grand Duchess Olga, youngest daughter of the Russian Czar, Alexander III, was leaving Denmark because the Soviet Union had charged that she actively aided Soviet refugees to resist repatriation.

An earlier report said that the Grand Duchess and her family, who have lived in Denmark for many years, would shortly leave the country for England and would later emigrate to Canada.

The announcement said she was selling her estates because of the serious European political situation.

"Information" said a Soviet note to Denmark charged that the Duchess Olga was connected with a group who aided the escape of Russian refugees in Denmark, whose extradition was demanded by Moscow on "war criminal" charges. The paper said Denmark rejected the Soviet note.

The Foreign Office declined to comment upon the dispatch, which was attributed only to "informed circles," but indicated an official statement would be issued later.

Grand Duchess Olga, her husband Colonel Nikolai Kulikovski and their two sons—who are officers in the Danish Army—were expected to leave Denmark for England within a few days.—United Press.

Baldwin Estate

London, Apr. 2. Stanley Baldwin, three times Prime Minister between the two world wars, left a net estate of 277,447 pounds of his will disclosed today.

Baldwin created Earl Baldwin of Bewdley in 1937, died last December at the age of 80. Death duties totaled £139,164.

Baldwin left undisclosed amounts as marriage settlements for two of his four daughters and the bulk of his estate to his two sons, Oliver Ridgeway Baldwin, who succeeded to the title, and Arthur.

The sons were granted probate.—Associated Press.

Chinese Arrested In Siam

Bangkok, Apr. 2. A police announcement today denied recent published reports that they arrested a group of persons allegedly plotting to "absorb" the Siamese people.

It was also announced that the police arrested Lim Yoo Hong, a Chinese who was deported from Siam 11 years ago. The announcement said Lim addressed a letter to China, identifying himself as a member of a secret Tong collecting money for use in combating Chinese Communists in Siam.

Lim would be tried for violation of the deportation law.—United Press.

Forrestal Asks For Conscription

Washington, Apr. 2. The Defense Secretary, Mr. James Forrestal, formally asked Congress today to adopt universal military training and to conscript men from 18 to 25 years of age for military service.

His message was given to the Senate Armed Services Committee and immediately afterwards General Eisenhower appeared to give evidence before the Committee.

He told the Senators that the United States "cannot live as a free democracy in a world of dictatorship."

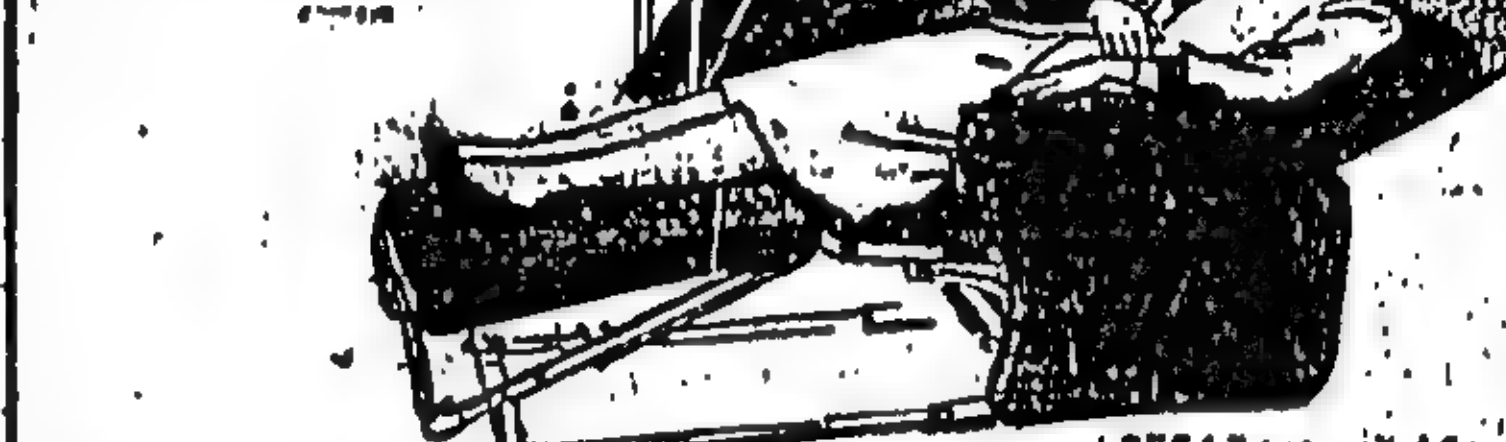
It was absolutely necessary for the United States to strengthen her armed forces for self-defense.—Reuter.

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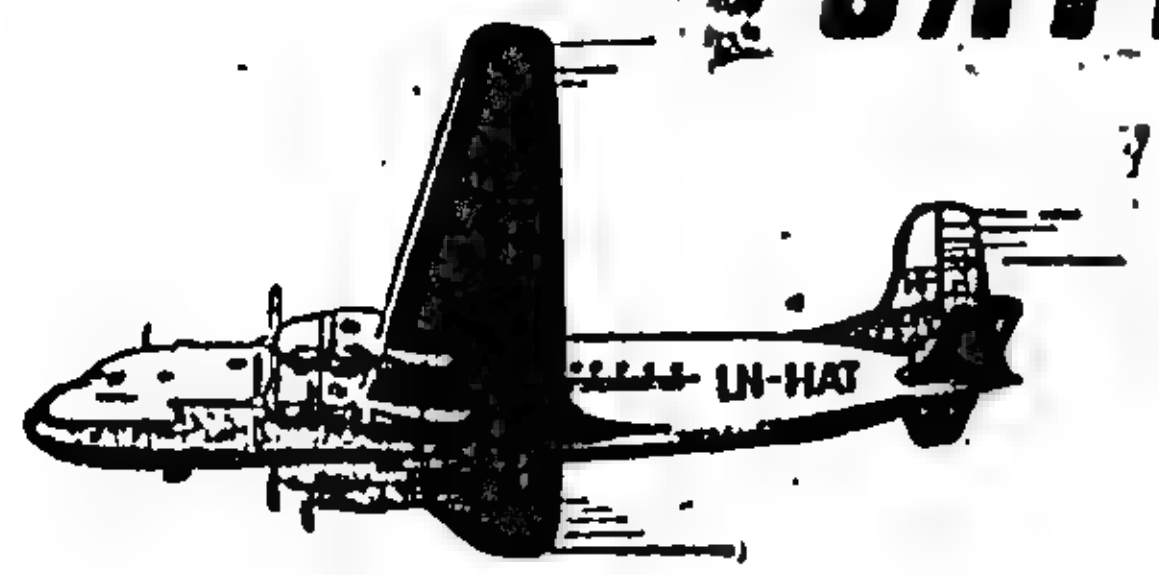
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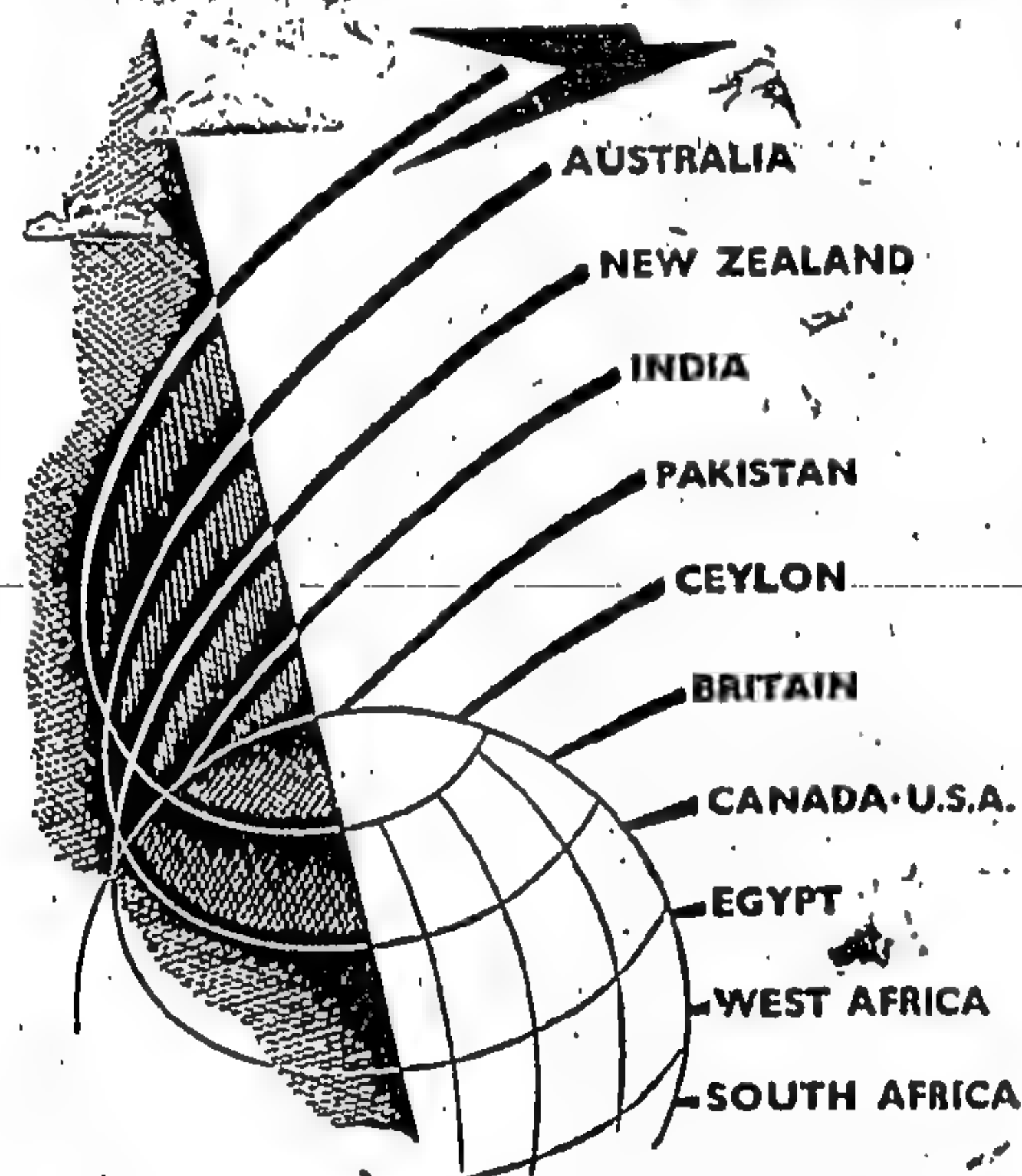
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# Mounting U.S. Resentment

## Soviet Actions In Berlin Seen As Part Of A Long-Range Programme

### "Loss Of Face" For Western Powers

Washington, Apr. 3.

Top government officials are now pretty well convinced that the Russians want to convert Berlin into the Communist capital of a Soviet dictated "separate" German government. This is believed by some of the best informed American experts on Russian and German affairs to be the long-range purpose behind the Russian moves to squeeze the United States, Britain and France out of their sectors of Berlin.

New and more drastic measures will be imposed by the Soviet leadership, these officials predict, for the simple reason that the steps they have so far taken are not adequate to make Berlin too hot for the Western powers. Meantime, the Russian restrictions on rail and highway traffic between Berlin and the West caused mounting resentment in Congress.

Senator Forrest Donnell, Missouri Republican, introduced a resolution asking the State and Army Departments for all documents relating to the four-power occupation of Berlin so that the Senate may determine whether the rights of the United States and its citizens are being violated.

Senator Henry Lodge, Massachusetts Republican, said the Berlin incident shows the necessity for military preparedness by the United States. He said it also shows that a "ghastly error" was "made at the end of the war when we withdrew our troops from what is now the Russian zone of Germany."

When the incident first developed this week, there was a tendency among some authorities here to regard it as primarily an expression of annoyed resentment on the part of the Russians against Western moves to unify Eastern Germany. The Russians were believed to be testing out how far they could push the United States around, and embarras it in the eyes of Western Europeans without getting a serious kickback.

Now the whole affair is viewed as fitting in a broad Soviet strategic plan, balanced against the American strategic plan for Europe. Months ago the Russians began developing an organization in their zone now known as the German Peoples Congress. It is Communist controlled but claims to represent political interests from all Germany.

The Peoples Congress is regarded by American and other western officials as the mechanism through which the Soviets plan to create a Communist Government for Germany.

### Final Action

The setting which they need for this final action is Berlin. Presumably they want it a completely Communist city. At present it is the only open city, politically speaking, in the Soviet zone. Political freedoms are so strong in the American, French and British sectors, that political opposition to the Soviets exists even in the Russian sector.

What the Russians are believed to be striving for is complete Communization of the traditional heart of Germany, Berlin, so they can make the strongest possible claim that the Government they are expected to set up has the right to speak for the whole nation.—Associated Press.

### British Opinion

London, Apr. 2. Diplomatic quarters in London expressed the view today that the Soviet actions in Berlin were designed to bolster Russian prestige at a crucial moment in European politics.

They believe that any settlement of the crisis provoked by the Soviet clamp-down on transport and travel through eastern zone to Berlin is bound to result in loss of face for the western powers.

This in turn, they said, might be expected to have the following effects: Firstly, it would bolster the morale of the Italian Communists in the critical pre-election period.

Secondly, it would tend to stem the rising if unorganised, unfavourable Czech reaction to the recent Communist coup in Prague.

Thirdly, it would create an uneasy atmosphere for the Anglo-French-American-Belgian talks on the future of Germany scheduled to resume this month. There is strong evidence that the setting of the date for resumption of these talks is now being delayed pending the outcome of the Berlin developments.

Fourthly, it might produce similar uneasiness at the Paris Marshall plan conference, partially offsetting the encouragement

given by the recent Congressional victories of the European aid programme supporters.

Fifthly, it might slow down the rising anti-Communist trend in the Scandinavian countries which has taken gigantic strides in the direction of the Western camp in recent months.

### The Result

These quarters believe the present situation will force the Western powers to call for an early meeting of the Allied Control Council in Berlin—the first since Russia's historic walkout. Whatever the Soviet reaction—whether they agree to a ACC meeting or not—will be subject to propaganda interpretation as an exhibition of Russia's predominant authority, they said.

There are indications here that the British Government is convinced the Soviet moves are designed to fluster the Western powers. If so, they have failed so far.

### Invalid

Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin refrained from any sudden reaction. Reports of an emergency cabinet meeting had been denied, and Premier Clement Attlee remained at his country home.

Foreign Office statements were calm and limited in scope. The spokesman said today only that Britain considered the Soviet action invalid and there is absolutely no intention of withdrawal from the British zone of Berlin.—United Press.

## Appalling Menace

Williamsburg, Va., Apr. 2. Prime Minister W. K. Mackenzie King of Canada today called on all free nations to act swiftly together to halt the appalling menace of "Russian expansion."

The Canadian Premier spoke at a Canadian-American Day ceremony in his honour at the historic William and Mary College here.

He did not identify Russia by name but his words were unmistakable. He said the menace to freedom has never been graver or more insidious than it has become within the last three years. That menace arises no longer merely from armed aggression aimed at territorial expansion, he said.

He said the freedom of man is threatened not only by military power but an organized conspiracy to "establish tyranny over human minds"—United Press.

## Warning To Britons In Palestine

Jerusalem, Apr. 2.

The Palestine Government expects "serious trouble" in the Holy City after Britain gives up the mandate on May 15, Mr. S. J. Jordan, British Commercial Agent in Palestine and chairman of the British Community Council in Jerusalem, told an audience of 150 Britons today.

The Government considered it advisable that those Britons with "no roots" in the Holy Land should evacuate and named April 15 as the last day on which the Government would be prepared to offer shipping and transport facilities to quit Palestine.

Outlining the precautions drawn up to safeguard the lives of Britons who are remaining in Jerusalem after the termination of the mandate, Mr. Jordan said the city would be divided into four zones with a permanent radio link between the zones. The first radio zone would be made within the next seven

## N. Ireland And The Empire

Belfast, Apr. 2.

Colonel Samuel Haughton, a Northern Ireland Member of the House of Commons, today started a worldwide movement to unite people of Northern Ireland stock in defence of Northern Ireland's position within the British Commonwealth.

As a counter to attacks of the Anti-Partition League, which is campaigning for a United Ireland governed from Dublin, Colonel Haughton plans that all Ulster associations and institutions abroad should be brought into direct touch with Belfast. On a given day, they should all make declarations that Northern Ireland will remain loyal to the British Crown and Empire.—Reuter.

## Pan-American Talks On Colonies

Bogota, Apr. 2.

Mr. George Marshall, the American Secretary of State, held private conferences here today with the Pan-American Conference delegates from Venezuela and Argentina, both strong supporters of the resolution against European colonialism in the Western Hemisphere.

These two meetings with Senator Bettancourt, leader of the Venezuelan delegation, and Senator Juan Stillo Bramuglia, the Argentine Foreign Minister, were the first American moves to build up a bloc against the Guatemalan intention to press her claims for British Honduras. The Argentine claims in the Antarctic are reported to have come up in the discussions. Latin American interest in colonial problems has been overshadowed temporarily by the United States declaration that there will be no Marshall Plan for this hemisphere.

### In Doubt

In any case, the Conference position on the colonial problem was in doubt today because of the impending United Nations

### SHARP REPLY

Teheran, Apr. 1. Ibrahim Hakimi, Persian Premier today presented at the Soviet Embassy here the Persian Government's reply to the Soviet note of March 24, which protested at the alleged United States interference in Persian internal affairs.

The Persian reply, although politely worded, insisted the assertions in the Soviet note constituted "interference in Persian internal affairs.—Reuter.

## Military Activity In Siberia

New York, Apr. 2.

Russian Siberia—only 26 miles from Alaska—is a beehive of military activity, according to Jim Lucas, Scripps Howard staff writer, in an article in the "World Telegram."

Writing from the American base at Anchorage, Alaska, Lucas said that the Russians speeded up their Siberian programme in the last 12 to 18 months and reported following developments:—

Petrozavlovsk, Russian naval base on the Kamchatka Peninsula, has become the Russian Pacific submarine headquarters, where submarine pens and airfields have been constructed;

Russian fighter bases have been reopened on Chukotski, Polovot Peninsula;

There is considerable military activity along the Okhotsk sea, just back of the Kamchatka Peninsula;

Sakhalin Island has become the Russian Arctic staging base; and Something—probably military—going on at Ulan Udo near Lake Baikal.

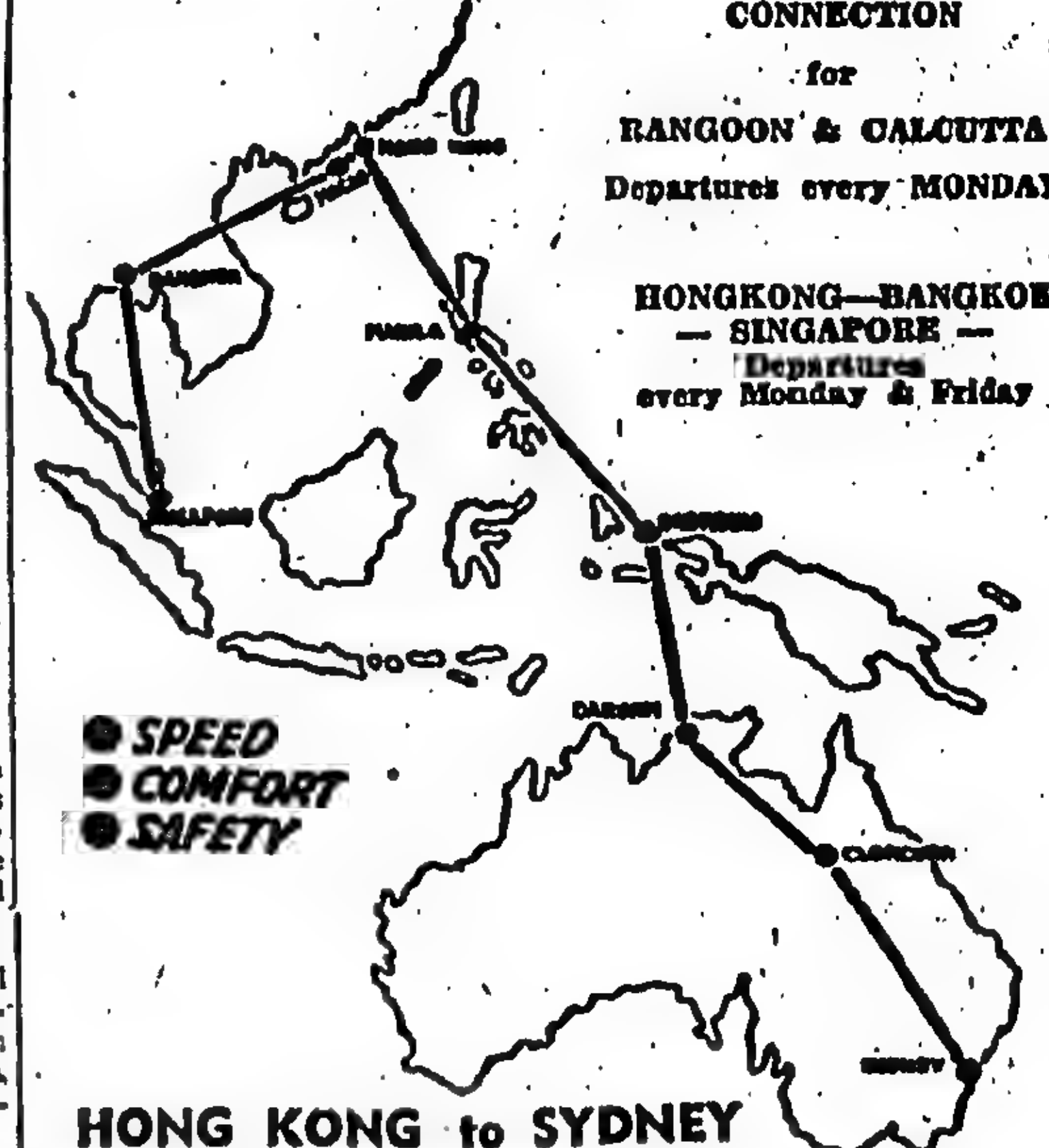
Lucas quoted Lieutenant-General Nathan Twining, who heads the United States Alaska Command as saying while there is no outward sign Russia is preparing for trouble up there, they have military power for starting it.—Central News.

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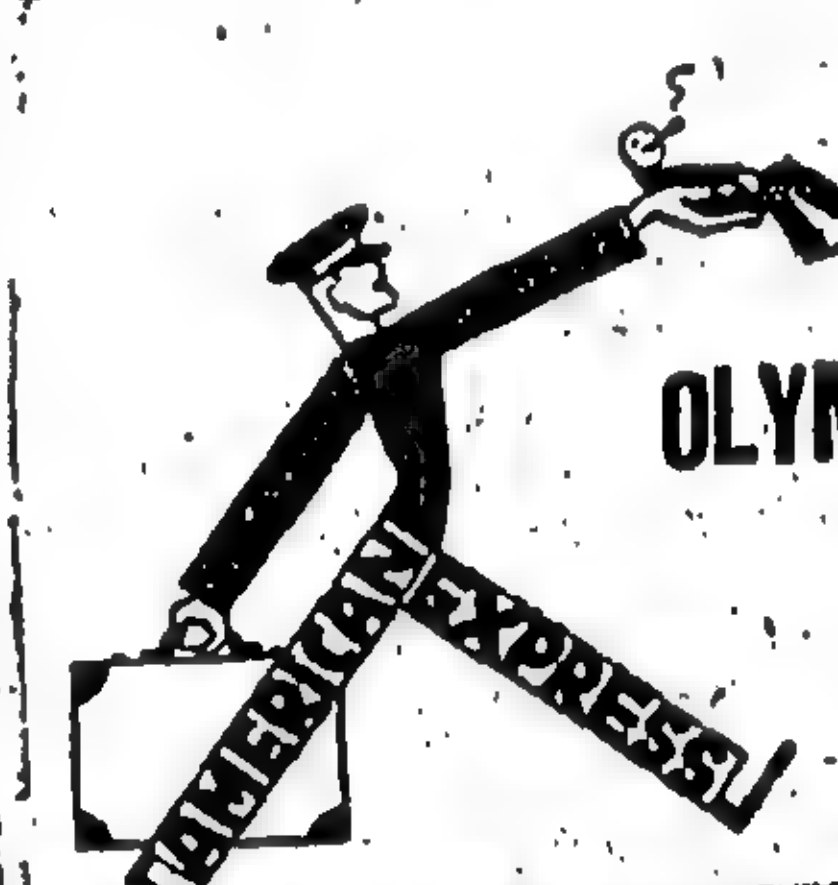


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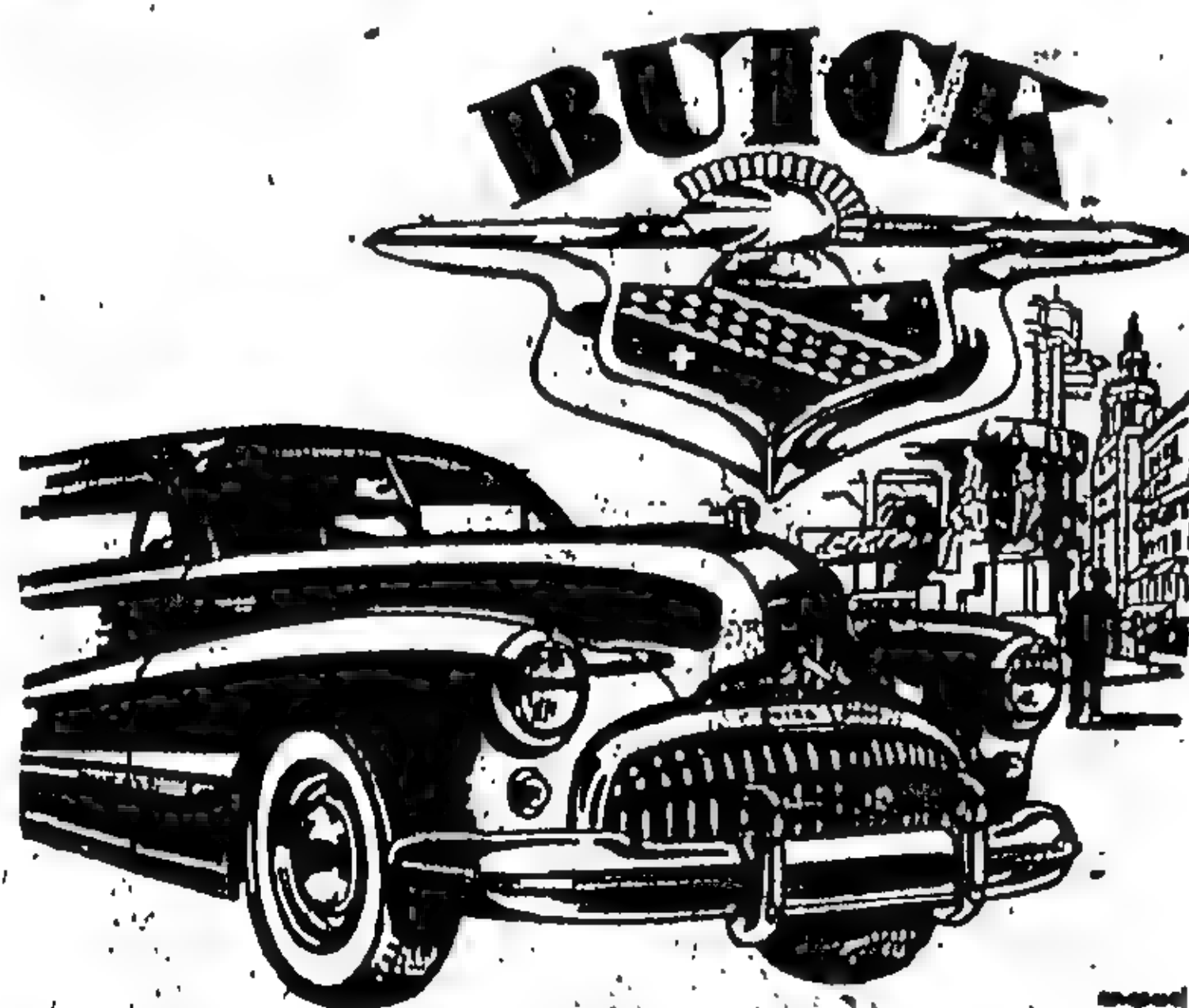




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## TROUBLE BREWING IN 'DESERT SONG' HILLS

Here in the Rif Mountains, associated with the hilling melodies of "The Desert Song," the spirit of revolt is brewing among the Berber tribes.

This is the storm centre of North Africa at the moment, an area where hostile influences may break into open rebellion.

Since recent disturbances in Tetuan, the capital, where for 12 hours battle raged between Spanish troops and Moorish civilians, Spanish Morocco has been under martial law, and there has been an almost complete black-out on news.

Cause of the trouble is former Rif War rebel leader, Abd-el-Krim, who from Cairo is planning the drive for independence in his former territory. Despite his great age, Abd-el-Krim is still a figure to be reckoned with, and his prestige throughout North Africa is great.

Abd-el-Krim went his Marchman, Abd-el-Khalak, Torres, leader of the North African independence movement, to Tangier. Here Torres made a speech in which he said that while the Moors wanted independence by peaceful negotiation, they were prepared to use force if necessary.

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As neither France nor Spain is prepared to discuss the subject of independence, the use of the word "force" was construed as a hostile act. Torres was refused admittance to the native Spanish Zone of Morocco.

That started the trouble. The Moors closed their shops and business houses. The Spaniards

tried to force the Moors to open them. The Moors resisted and demonstrated. Then the shooting began.

**Former Nazis**

What has caused tremendous resentment among the native population, and has not helped the

supporters. Franco needs a large number of soldiers to keep his professional under control. And it isn't everyone who would want to live in this desolate, savage terrain. No official figures of the number of troops in the zone are given, but reliable sources put the total at round about 100,000.

**Famine**

The population of the zone is only about a million, so that works out at one soldier to ten civilians. Add all key posts in the administration are held by the military from the High Commissioner, General Varela, downwards.

There is no "Rif Song" in the hearts of the Moors today. Drought and famine have brought their country to a sorry pitch. Modern agriculture is unknown, and the shortage of draught cattle is due to the fact that to save themselves from starvation the people have eaten these beasts of toil.

Much of the territory is still unmapped, and the roads are among the worst in the world. Money voted for road making has been swallowed up by civilisation and only rough earthen tracks remain.

By the 1880 Treaty of Morocco Britain has special privileges in Spanish Morocco, including the right to try her own nationals in consular courts. There is a British Post Office in Tetuan, the only one in the world in foreign territory. It carried on its work throughout the critical war period when Tetuan was essentially a Germanophile city. Consular attacks were made on it.

Today this post office is popular with Spaniards who use it in preference to their own. A fair-sized mail order business is done through it, thus enabling British firms to do C.O.D. export business with local firms.

**War Danger?**

Will sporadic rebellion here flare up into open war? It is difficult to say. Much depends on which side decides to take the initiative—that is, whether the occupying Spaniards will not swiftly and nip the Nationalist plots in the bud, or whether the Rif tribes, always redoubtable warriors, will throw caution to the wind and openly revolt.

Hundreds of independence supporters have been put in goal at Ceuta, and Franco has brought extra troops into the zone. But the tide of nationalism is running high. It is difficult to say whether patriotic nationalist fervour may not overcome reason and plunge these unhappy people into a bloody war.

If that happens, it is extremely difficult to forecast where it may end. A Rif War would be very difficult to isolate in Hong Kong. The Spanish Zone is by French Moroccan territory where nationalism is also rife, and adjacent to Algeria, where Messali Hadj's Kabyle party is encamped in the mountains.

**Chicago**

At last—a New Look for men. Although it is looking ahead a bit—to the 21st century, in fact.

A Chicago department store is showing male attire without collars, ties, buttons, shoelaces, lapels of pockets, made of water-resistant plastic that can be cleaned with a damp cloth.

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The store has put some examples on show at the Museum of Science and Industry, but orders are not being taken yet.

Thirty-three-year-old waitress, Marie Bochantine, has been charged with assault after throwing a pie at a customer. "I just got fed up with irritable customers," she said. "Customer alleges she served the pie 'like a tomato professional'."

**New York**

Harold Dropkin, 33-year-old New Yorker, started something when he told reporters that he had to be married in order to get a vacant three-room flat. He was flooded with cables and telephone calls—all from eligible spinsters. Snag was they were all more interested in the fur coat Harold had promised to give his chosen bride than they were in Harold.

"They all want to know the size of the fur coat," he said, "and I am still looking for a wife."

**Los Angeles**

Annual event in Hollywood, never eagerly awaited, is fashion designer Ray Driscoll's list of the film city's worst dressed stars. This year's list contains:

**Mrs. Truman's Album**

It may be just a woman's intuition, but Mrs. Truman is having every room in the White House photographed for an album to take home to Missouri.

Mr. Truman's stock is slipping. Though it will probably come to nothing some party leaders want to ditch him.

Everybody is speculating on the Republican nominee for President. A group of Washington astrologers has cast horoscopes of leading Republican possibilities. Six came up with Speaker of the House, Joseph Martin, as winner next November.

To the Federal Communications Commission comes a strange request from a diaper laundry service in Texas. They want to install two-way radio communication between their central office and cruising delivery vans with a view to the "fast" dispatching of Baby's most essential lingerie.

If you think all diplomats are grave-faced and solemn meet Mr. Albert E. Clattenburg and his snag-toothed camel.

**A Sensitive Palate**

Mr. Clattenburg, a State Department veteran, had to lecture budding envoys on how to protect American nationals abroad. To enliven a dull subject he spoke as follows:

## What The Chinese Press Is Saying

New Life Evening Post: The Colony's \$150,000,000 budget is no small matter. The burden of so huge a sum is too great, particularly in view of Hong Kong's superficial prosperity. In addition to this sum, the Financial Secretary hinted that there might be increased taxation.

The public cannot bear such heavy burdens. Appreciation of prevailing economic conditions in the Colony should make one fully aware that the commercial position of Hong Kong will be like during the next six months. In fact, business is already declining.

Current conditions in Hong Kong are somewhat puzzling to the public who are doubtful of Government's concern for their welfare. They are wondering whether there has been any real reciprocity between Government and the general public.

The long delay in establishing the proposed Legislative Council has discouraged the public from taking real interest in the Government. The acute shortage of school accommodation is still unsolved and public health facilities have not shown any improvement.

In addition, the Government's department of Supplies, Trade and Industry has been a target for serious charges.

Control of hawkers is causing considerable unnecessary trouble, and swelling the unemployed ranks.

**BASIC RIGHTS**  
Government, of course, must keep watch on its finances. Nevertheless, the basic rights and welfare of the people vis-a-vis Government must be carefully observed and properly balanced.

The Hon. Mr. A. N. Chin brought up the subject of state lotteries. We put forward the following suggestion before the introduction of income tax.

The use of state lotteries to remedy financial deficits is not a new thing. France resorted to state lotteries after World War I.

Singapore resorted to them for its anti-smuggling campaign by means of Chinese lotteries, and Chinese Chinese also used state lotteries to raise money for relief work.

Without the help of the temporary staff, Government would have been greatly handicapped.

It is hoped that the "Four-Man Commission" will go into the matter thoroughly.

**COMMUNISM**  
National Union: The British Government has made a big decision to bring Communists from the Government. Whether it is a good or bad move, it is a matter of opinion.

means. State lotteries are wise and timely measures.

If the Colony's housing and school accommodation problems are to be solved, it is only natural that considerable expenditure will have to be met. But there is no necessity for increased taxation since the Race Course at Happy Valley can easily absorb the money which can be utilised for useful reconstruction.

In conclusion we feel that the burden imposed on the public by Government should be repaid by concrete results in reconstruction.

**GOOD NEWS**

Sing Po: The Legislative Council has finally approved the recommendations of the Salaries Commission. This is indeed good news for civil servants.

The approval, however, affects only the permanent staff. Temporary staffs of the various departments, set up after the war, are not included in the estimates. Revision and adjustment of their salaries is to be dealt with by future "Four-Man Commission," headed by Dr. Bross.

Among the 10,000 odd civil servants of the Hong Kong Government, more than half are temporary staff. Therefore, until the question of their salaries is settled, the work of the Salaries Commission cannot be considered complete.

When the war ended, Government recruited a large temporary staff to help rehabilitate the Colony. Materially, there was no difference between their work and the work of permanent employees. Some have been in Government service for more than 10 years as temporary employees because they have not yet passed the required examination.

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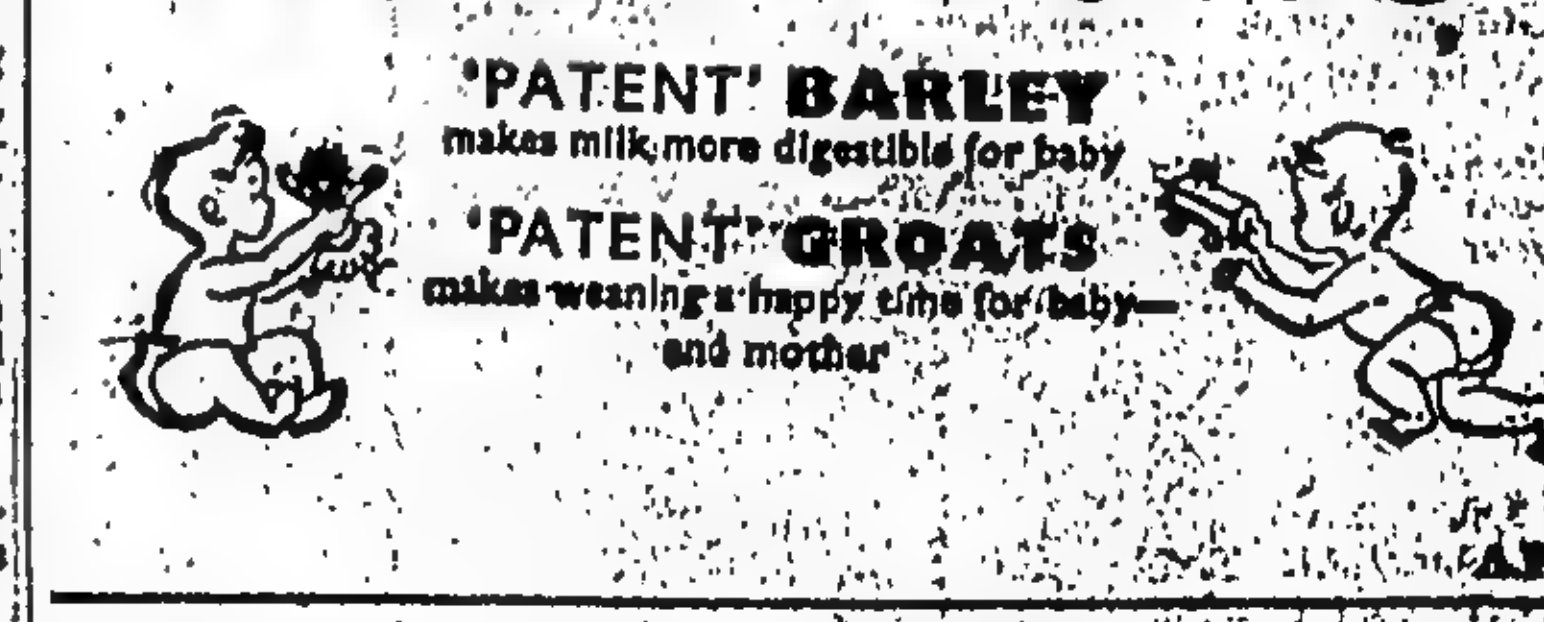
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## COMMONWEALTH DISSOLVING? Birth Of New Union Of Free Nations

New York, Apr. 2.

Writing from New Delhi, Edgar Snow, associate editor of the "Saturday Evening Post," says Indians generally assume that by June, Britain will dissolve her Commonwealth and "announce the birth of a new union of free nations."

This union, Snow expects, would be "bound by a charter to which India and Pakistan may both adhere as sovereign states." He adds that it seems fairly likely that Socialist Burma—which broke all Commonwealth ties—will find it useful to enter the new union.

In his article, to be published in the April 3 issue of the "Saturday Evening Post," Snow reported that a great change in

attitude has taken place among the Indian people since Britain gave up her power last August.

"Some Indians feel a kind of grudging respect for the British for having yielded 'this great gift' and, for the moment, at least, the desire to break away from England seems to have almost disappeared."

Snow quoted the late Mahatma Gandhi as having told him before he died that the British, by their withdrawal, had no doubt been influenced by Indian "correct" past behaviour of non-violence, non-cooperation.

### Never Before

But, Gandhi was said to have added, "I know that the British need not have made this great gift to us now. It has never happened before that power was transferred non-violently."

The sudden lifting of the hand of the outside power, Snow said, has enabled millions of Indians to take their first objective look at their own inner weaknesses and the deep social and class conflicts that divide them.

He quoted Deputy Prime Minister Vallabhai Patel as having declared that "as soon as Britain has turned over authority to the Indians, all bitterness will end between us."—Associated Press.

## The Weapons Of Peace

We are in the midst of a new war, only we may not know it for its weapons are those associated with peace.

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Whatever the immediate necessity or the humanitarian impulse there is the underlying consciousness that the hand of friendship may forge the pact of peace, or, at the worst, bind strong allies in a future peril.

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Spring Rice, ambassador to America, wrote:

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And one by one and silently her shining bounds increase;

Her ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace.

ROBERT TAYLOR.

## Palestine Commission Goes Ahead

Lake Success, Apr. 2.

The United Nations Palestine Commission has decided to proceed with plans to divide the Holy Land despite the UN agreement to reconsider partition.

The five nation commission split four to one on the decision. Czechoslovakia, Bolivia, the Philippines and Panama insisted that work continue. Denmark was the dissenter.—Associated Press.

## Polish Spuds For Britain

Warsaw, Apr. 2.

Poland, rapidly stepping up trade with Britain, is starting the shipment of 20,000 tons of potatoes to the United Kingdom this month.

Lucjan Harbitz, Director of Planning and Coordination in the Ministry of Industry and Trade, told a press conference that the Poles are also sending Britain £7,000,000 worth of essential foodstuffs including 14,000 tons of bacon and "millions" of eggs.

Horowitz predicted that bacon shipments would be doubled in 1949. He said that the Poles had agreed at the recent London conference to raise exports from £2,500,000 to £11,000,000 this year. Imports are expected to aggregate £10,000,000 exclusive of capital goods. He forecast a total of £250,000,000 trade turnover in Poland in 1948, doubling the 1947 figure.

Horowitz said America's new system of restrictions on export licenses for Russia and countries in her orbit was likely to cause "certain complications" for Poland's economy but the situation was not yet clearly defined. He added that any prohibition under the Marshall plan of Britain reshipping American goods would not affect Poland since "what we are buying in the United Kingdom are British-made products."

He added that Poland is always ready to talk over trade pacts with the United States but export licensing restrictions were "not a conducive atmosphere" for a move in that direction.—Associated Press.

## Indonesia's Industrial Programme

New York, Apr. 3.

The Republic of Indonesia has completed plans for the purchase of US\$5,010,000 worth of American industrial goods within the next five years.

Doctor Herling Itoh, the Republic's Minister of Public Works, revealed this today at a news conference, prior to his leaving on Saturday for Indonesia.

During a three weeks' visit to the United States, Dr. Itoh said he had made arrangements for the purchase of US\$100,000,000 worth of American industrial goods in the next 12 months. These would consist primarily of road building and irrigation equipment.

The Minister admitted that final arrangements were contingent in some respects on the eventual political settlement worked out with the Netherlands Government but added: "The Republic intends to go ahead with this programme no matter what happens."

He said the financing would be worked out through the sale of Indonesia's raw products.—Associated Press.

## Malcolm MacDonald Warns Asia

Toronto, Apr. 2.

The Right Honorable Malcolm MacDonald, Governor General of Malaya, said in a speech here it would be "fatal" if the nations of the Far East gained their freedom in circumstances which made them bitterly hostile to the nations of the West.

He warned that Communists in Asia are working "energetically" to achieve this hostility. MacDonald hailed the granting of freedom to India and Pakistan as one of the great events of the last year. The move had raised Britain's prestige "higher amongst the leaders of Asia than it ever has been," he said.

He stressed the importance of accepting without qualification the fact that all Asia was under a reawakening. Four new nations—India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon—had been born.

The United States had granted independence to the Philippines. The Dutch had agreed to "something like Dominion status for the East Indies," while the French in Indo-China were considering large political reforms.

### Malaya

"In Malaya we have inaugurated this year new constitutions which will lead ultimately to self-rule for the peoples of Malaya," he said.

MacDonald stressed that the principal theme of Communist propaganda was that the Western people were imperialists opposed to the freedom of the Asian nations, who wished to exploit them economically and enslave them politically. He added:

"These propagandists insist that a preliminary condition of Asian liberty is enmity towards the West. Their thesis is spread sedulously and continuously."

"We can only counter it by demonstration not only in words but in deeds that it is untrue."—Associated Press.

### SWEDISH FILM INDUSTRY

New York, Apr. 2.

Mr. Mariel Osher, executive head of the Selznick Studios Hollywood, today completed arrangements to make a film of the play "A Doll's House" in the Stockholm studios of the Swedish film industry. The film, which will be made this summer, will be the first produced in Europe by the Selznick Studios under their new plan to make pictures abroad as well as in Hollywood.

Miss Dorothy McGuire, the star in the film, has already sailed for Sweden.

## Teaching Of Boys Not A Woman's Job

Scarborough, Apr. 2.

The teaching of boys is a man's job, not a woman's, the National Association of Schoolmasters unanimously decided at their conference here today.

Mr. D. N. Thomas, of London, moving a resolution to this effect, declared there were 3,217 boys' classes under the charge of women teachers.

"These voracious hordes of women have already staked their claim in our field and the sooner they are smoked out the better it will be for the boys of this country."

Another delegate told of a school in Yorkshire where a woman school-teacher was in charge of a football team; a trainee master was not considered suitable.—Reuter.

## FRANCO TAKES SALUTE

Madrid, Apr. 1.

General Francisco Franco took the salute when 18,000 Spanish veterans celebrated the 9th anniversary of the end of the civil war with the traditional parade and march past in the besieged city.

Later, in brilliant sunshine, between 20,000 and 30,000 demonstrators massed in front of the former Royal Palace, shouting: "Franco—Yes, Russia—No."

General Franco made a short speech thanking the demonstrators for their enthusiasm.—Reuter.

## PETROL RATION TO RETURN?

London, Apr. 1.

Used car prices have increased by as much as 70 percent in recent weeks in anticipation that petrol ration will be restored to private motorists, trade sources said today.

Prices dropped last autumn when the Government banned the sale of petrol for pleasure. The British Minister of Fuel (Hugh Dalton) is expected to reveal the plan next week.

## PROBE INTO UNREST

Rangoon, Apr. 2.

U Nyo Tun, the Burmese Information Minister, was today appointed head of a special committee to investigate the causes of dissatisfaction on the part of the people of Arakan towards the Government.

Troops have been stationed for some time in Arakan, the western strip of Burma, quelling widespread rioting and lawlessness, accompanying demands for a separate state.

Both the Karens—Burma's largest racial minority—and the northern Kachin tribesmen demand separate states.—Reuter.

## ROYAL VISIT TO PARIS

London, Apr. 1.

Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Paris on May 14 at the invitation of the President of the French Republic. It was announced from Buckingham Palace tonight.

They will stay at the British Embassy and will open the exhibition of eight centuries of British life in Paris.

They will remain in Paris until Tuesday morning, May 18, probably returning by air.—Reuter.

## PARIS ARRESTS

Paris, Apr. 1.

The arrest of three Algerian Nationalists for "utterances likely to prejudice French sovereignty" during the Algerian electoral campaign, which closes on Sunday next, was announced in Algeria today, according to the French news agency.

The arrested men were stated to be Lahouel Hocine, secretary of the "movement for the triumph of democratic liberties," Touhami Mohamed, a candidate for election at Blida, and Cherchilli Hadj Mohamed, also a candidate.—Reuter.

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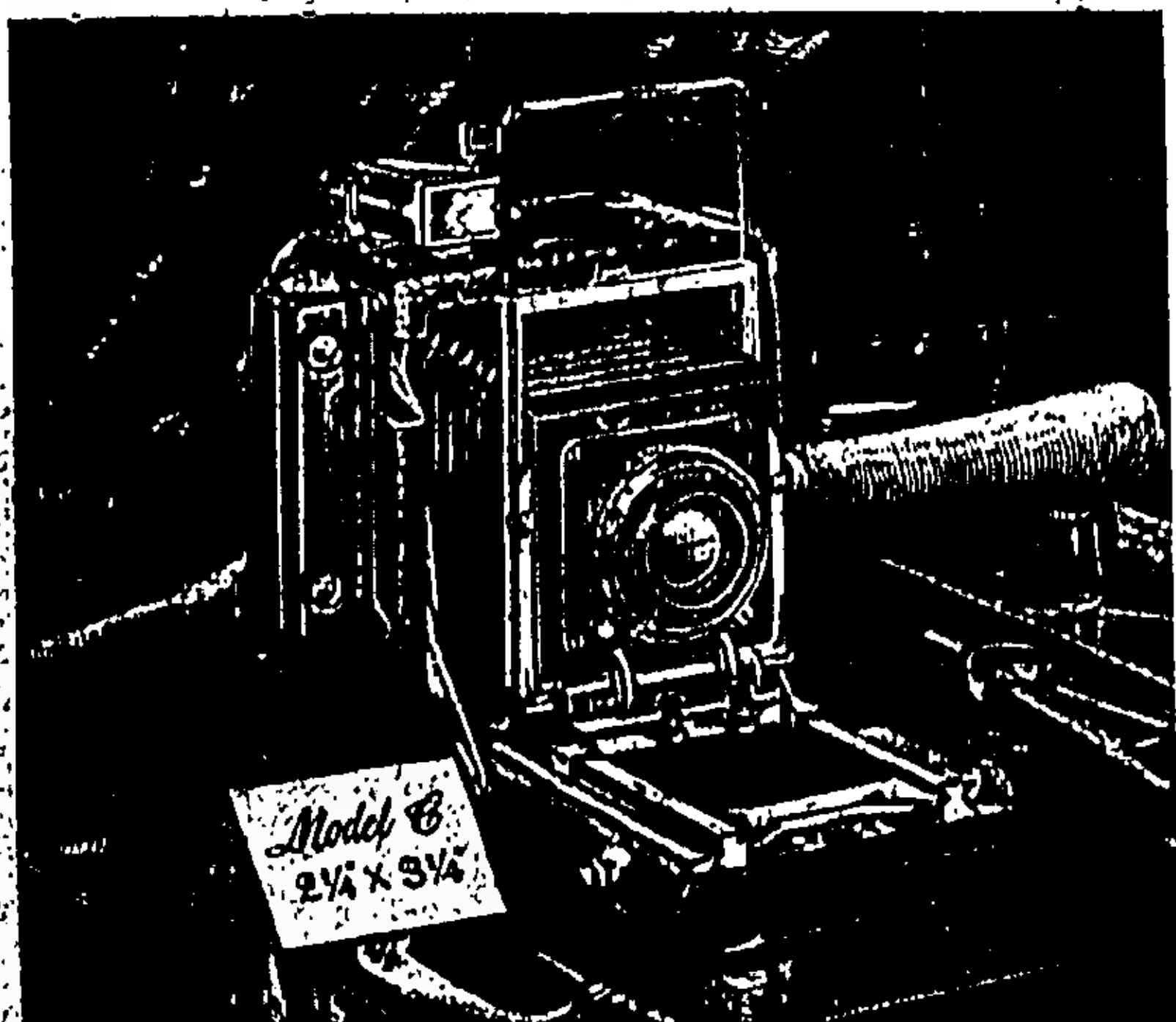
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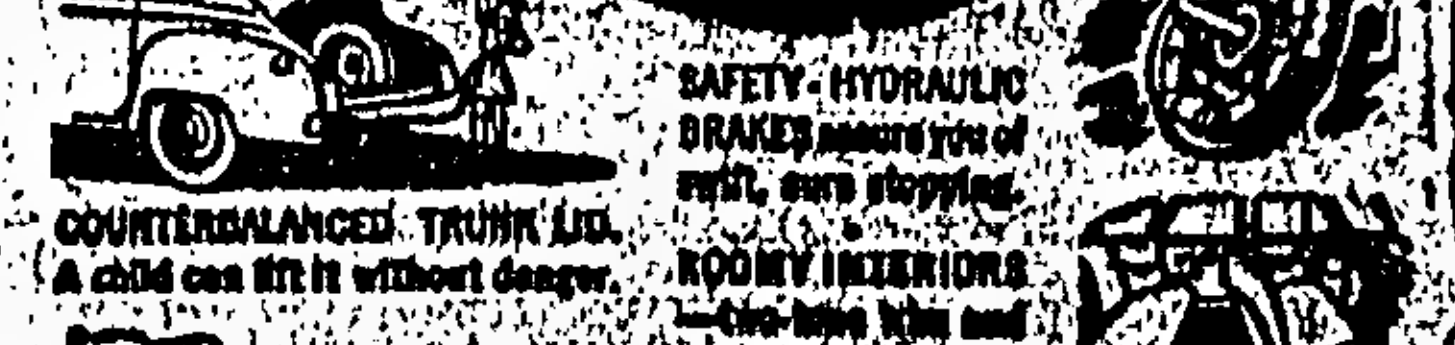
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# IF THERE WERE NO DOLLARS

From The New Statesman And Nation

Lord Beaverbrook and Mr. Harry Pollitt have one article of faith in common. Divided, as they are, by mountains of political partisanship and a waste of ideological seas, they both behold in dreams the Hobbesian vision of a Britain stoutly declining to offer Marshall Plan dollars and yet standing on her own feet without grave difficulty.

Here the resemblance between the attitude of the Daily Worker and that of the Express group of newspapers ends. The Communist implies that the problem of doing without dollars could be solved more or less painlessly by substituting imports from the Soviet Union and the Eastern democracies of Europe for the supplies from the Western Hemisphere, on which we have hitherto relied; but, though they may not emphasize the concomitant need for radical adjustments in Britain's economy, they would presumably admit that they are making the untenable assumption that Britain self-excluded from E.R.P. would have to adopt a system of totalitarian Socialist planning—a system which they regard as an objective to be pursued on any ground.

Moreover, they do not pretend that, without further dollar credits, it would be possible to maintain anything like the present scale of Britain's armed forces.

Lord Beaverbrook, on the other hand, while urging his readers to believe the temptations of further dollar aid, has cheerfully incorporated "Britain Must Be Strong" among his current slogans.

## The Facts

Relying on resources to be obtained largely within the Empire, he appears to assume that Britain and the sterling area can achieve self-sufficiency without assistance from Mr. Marshall and without the necessity of making any further departures from the principles of free enterprise dear to his Lordship's heart.

What are the facts, or rather the probabilities? Though it does not examine this question in great detail, the Economic Review for 1948 provides the material from which some of the answers can be inferred. If we are to maintain an import programme representing, in volume, 75 per cent. of the 1938 level—and even with this programme we shall not be quite so well off, either in foodstuffs or raw materials, this year as we were in 1947—the cost in foreign exchange will be about £1,070 millions.

The net deficit on "invisibles" is put at 250 millions assuming that Government expenditure overseas is maintained at about £190 millions. Hence, if the United Kingdom balance of payments on current account (setting aside the considerable

dollar deficit forecast for the rest of the sterling area) were to be brought into equilibrium, we should have to achieve exports of £1,750 millions. The highest estimate of our probable exports which the Government feels justified in making is £1,500 millions—leaving an overall deficit of £250 millions.

## Bad Enough

This is bad enough in itself; but the situation is rendered more critical not merely by reason of the rest of the sterling area's dollar deficiency, which is put at £70 millions for the first half of the year, but by reason also of the size of Britain's own deficit with the Western Hemisphere. To it we hope to export this year £235 millions' worth of goods, but we should have to pay £534 millions (or rather three dollar equivalents) for our imports from the Western Hemisphere for the first half-year were maintained throughout 1948.

For the first half of the year alone the deficit with the Western Hemisphere is put at £183 millions, including a "invisible" account of £21 million. Moreover, even this result is being achieved only by the almost complete stoppage of purchases of food from the United States. By midsummer allowing for the needs of gold reserve sterling area, which will have fallen by about £225 millions, to £450; and at this rate would reach the irreducible minimum before the end of the year.

What conclusions can be drawn? First, failing Marshall Aid, there would have to be an immediate drastic cut in imports. Even if we assume that something could be lopped off Government expenditure abroad by abandoning some military commitments and that other members of the sterling area agreed to be more strictly rationed in dollars, it would still be impossible to sustain a £1,070-million import programme. Since any material reduction in the volume of imports of raw materials, fuel, and other goods in the present half-year, would be quickly and disastrously reflected in unemployment and loss of production for export, the economies would have to be made in the projected expenditure of £780 millions annually on imports of food and the £250 millions annual bill for imports classed as "manufactured" but comprising, in fact, many articles, entering into Britain's industrial processes.

## Repercussions

It seems doubtful whether this last category of imports could be cut by more than 10 per cent. without serious repercussions on British factory employment; hence, if we assume that it were necessary to knock a total of

£200 millions off the bill for imports, there would have to be a cut of over 20 per cent. in imports of foodstuffs. Even so, supplies of various essential commodities—U.S. copper, Canadian nickel, etc.—would be hard to obtain and, according to the Survey might have to be reduced by as much as one-fifth.

This reduction in food supplies—and unless Canada and the Argentine sought, for their farmers' sake, and obtained dollar credits from the United States, the cuts might temporarily have to be even heavier—would mean for the British people a decline in the daily intake of calories which would cripple "heavy workers," by hand or brain. There would have to be a sharply differentiated rationing system, under which persons not productively occupied would have their rations scaled down to the level, at best, which has prevailed in Western Germany since the war.

## Could Not Be Endured

Such a situation could not be endured for long. The lines on which remedial action would have to be taken are twofold. On the one hand, an increase in home-produced supplies of food would have to be achieved with the urgency of a military operation. There could be no more talk of mere cash incentives to stimulate easy-going farmers; still less could any plea of shortage of landworkers be advanced. Targets for tillage and crops would have to be enforced with the full sanctions of State compulsion, and there would equally have to be compulsory recruitment of a force of land workers, if voluntary enrolment failed to provide sufficient numbers. On the other hand, the re-orientation of British trade away from the dollar countries of the Western Hemisphere to countries in the Commonwealth and Eastern Europe would have to take place not gradually, as the Government appears at present to intend, but swiftly—and successfully.

At best, the replacement of essential supplies from the dollar area by imports which could be equated by exports of British goods would take time, and there would be various large uncertainties in the process. Much has to be done before the various schemes of African development now in hand mature; and it is by no means easy to estimate the size of the export surplus which would be produced in, say, two years' time by the Soviet Union and other countries in Eastern Europe.

## Incompatible

What is certain, however, is that the expansion of planned bilateral trade with these countries is incompatible with the

maintenance in Britain of private enterprise in export selling. Not merely would there have to be a State Corporation which would negotiate all important sales of exports and assure deliveries; the fact would also have to be faced that much of the production on which Britain has so far continued to rely consists of goods for which there is no market in the countries that we are now assuming would be in future our chief suppliers. Briefly, there would have to be a drastic curtailment of the manufacture of many high-priced consumer goods, and much greater emphasis would have to be placed on the production of capital goods, the products of the steel and engineering industries. It is difficult to see how the adjustment could be effected without an exceedingly wide extension of State ownership and rigid State control, combined with resolute direction of labour; and, at least temporarily, we should almost certainly have to face widespread unemployment until steel production was expanded.

## The Hard Way

It comes, then, to this: if Britain were to choose the "hard way," and dispense with Marshall Aid, the crisis which would confront us would be insoluble except in terms of totalitarian planning and, for some years at least, a much lower standard of living. Measures would perforce have to be taken of which Mr. Harry Pollitt would doubtless approve, but which would be highly repugnant to the laissez-faire conceptions of Lord Beaverbrook. That Britain, in default of E.R.P. credits, would go under, that the prospect would be one of utter dislocation and anarchy, is by no means certain.

There is still, in this country, much "slack" in the form of waste and unnecessary consumption which could be taken up and, if refused of Marshall Aid were "put over" as an essential factor in a policy aimed at moving with much greater vigour and determination in the direction of a Socialist Britain, it is conceivable that the response of organised labour might be some compensatory improvement. In what is today a grave weakness in Britain's economy—production per man-hour.

Yet, on the most favourable assumptions, it is idle to pretend that economic independence from the United States could be achieved without sacrifices for which the British people are totally unprepared and the wholesale abandonment of the "gentle" planning on which the British Government has so far had to rely.

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# Life In The Lawless City

Al "Scarface" Capone, the ring-leader in the heyday of Chicago's gangster era, said to have a hand in 63 murders ("They blame me for everything but the Chicago fire"), was finally convicted and imprisoned for income tax evasion. He died, after his long term was served, quietly, harmlessly last year, in Miami, Florida. And that, decided most of the world, "closes an era."

But the era is not closed by any means. The roaring 20's have become the sinister 40's. That things seem quieter to the visitor and even to the ordinary citizen is only because crime is less in Chicago. It only means that the old gangsters are doing business in a new way, and crime is costing Chicago half a billion dollars a year.

Part of this spent on supporting the Chicago Crime Commission, whose chief occupation is trying to "get things on" the Chicago Syndicate.

## All 'Al's Boys'

The very mention of "the Syndicate" is enough to make Chicagoans uneasy. For the Syndicate are "Al's Boys"—the old Capone gang minus Al himself, who died as he had promised himself, "I don't want to die in the street!"—and Frank Nitti, Al's successor, who committed suicide in 1943. The rest are very much alive and thriving.

A lot of people think that the Syndicate controls Chicago. The Sunday papers often refer to this "invisible criminal empire." The Syndicate is described by one writer as "a loose federation of gunmen, gamblers, lawyers, bondsmen, and politicians."

The Syndicate is reported to have taken over labour unions, to extort money from business men, gained control of the breweries, trucking lines, juke boxes, night clubs, bottling works, catering services, cleaning, dyeing, and laundering services, and—gambling.

One of Al Capone's gang once said: "We're big business without the top hats." Things have become improved for them. They have become outwardly respectable. They live in impressive penthouses and flats on the "Gold Coast"—the Park Lane of Chicago—a wide road beside Lake Michigan.

They have suburban homes with swimming pools, and buy

themselves gentlemen's farms in Indiana. They take the water at fashionable hot springs and winter in their huge homes in Miami. They are respectable because they are in politics.

With bribery, blackmail, threat and corruption they control local politics in all parts of the United States in which they operate. Most of the businesses they are in are on the surface quite legal. It is their methods which are illegal. And it's difficult to gather wit-nesses to their misdeeds for they are either too frightened or too involved themselves to give evidence. And if someone did bear witness, how are they to know that the court isn't corrupt?

Non-Syndicate criminals say they fear the Syndicate more than the law in Chicago. The other day a non-Syndicate gang raided a

By  
**JENNY NICHOLSON**

Syndicate gambling place and later shot it out with the police, thinking they were Syndicate men. They claimed that if they had known it was the police they would have given themselves up. They knew the Syndicate would show them no mercy.

It was James K. Ragen who said: "The Syndicate is probably as strong as the United States Army." And Ragen had cause to fear them. Last year the Syndicate wanted the Continental Press Agency—an agency for disseminating racing news ostensibly to newspapers, but more probably and secretly to illegal betting rooms. They went to Ragen, the owner, and told him they wanted 40 per cent. of the Chicago proceeds. He refused. He said: "I'm going to stay in this business till they kill me."

The Syndicate started a rival service. Their men fought Ragen's men. They pulled political strings so that Ragen's men were forbidden to operate from the race tracks. Bookies who refused to take the Syndicate service were killed. Ragen stayed in business and one day was shot dead from a passing lorry in one of the main streets of Chicago. The murder is still unsolved.

At the moment the Syndicate intends to get control of all the gambling in the United States. This will make them far richer than they were in Al Capone's day. The Americans are gambling at the rate of ten billion dollars a year. Chicago alone has 500 gambling houses. They will, of course, succeed.

I called on the pale, conventionally tall, dark and handsome operator-director of the Chicago Commission. Mr. Peterson began at the beginning: "The Chicago crime. We have court observers, special investigators—we make it our business to know the activities of the major hoodlums. We investigate all the organized rackets, vice, and gambling. We have the records of the inefficiency of the police and prosecutors. We've got our first good mayor in—that's something. And our latest achievement is that they don't appoint a director of attorney without first getting the O.K. from us that his records are good. But..."

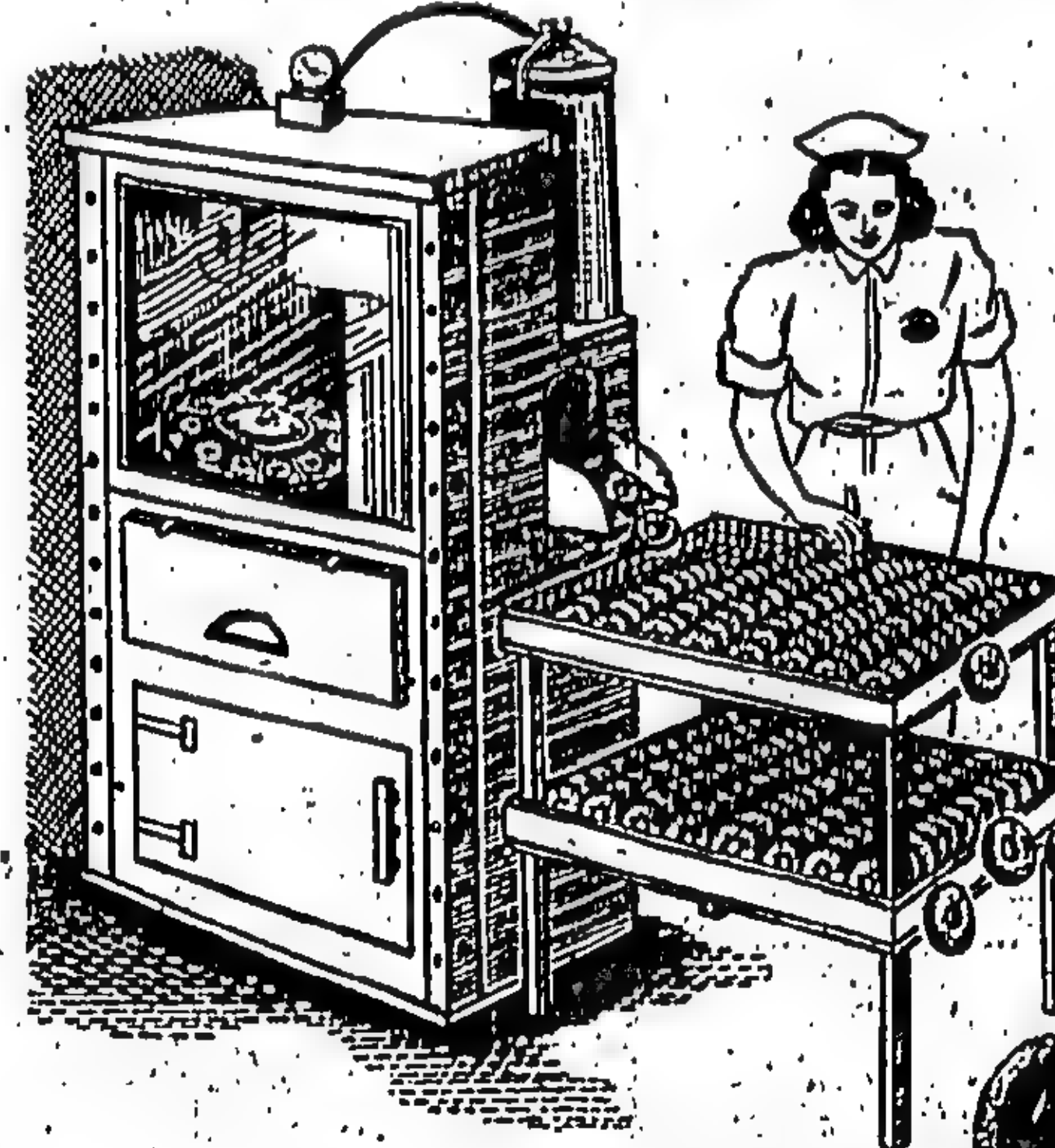
## Police Bribed

Mr. Peterson went on: "You will see what we're up against when I tell you that we know of one bookie alone who pays \$100 a month in police bribes—to the captain and the captain's men—and when you read in my annual report that it was recently discovered that 13 probationary policemen were over the age limit—at least one by 17 years. One was the sister of an alderman and wife of a betting-room operator. Civil service has failed. There are the wrong kind of ward committee-men (municipal councillors) putting the police in the force with the idea of making allies."

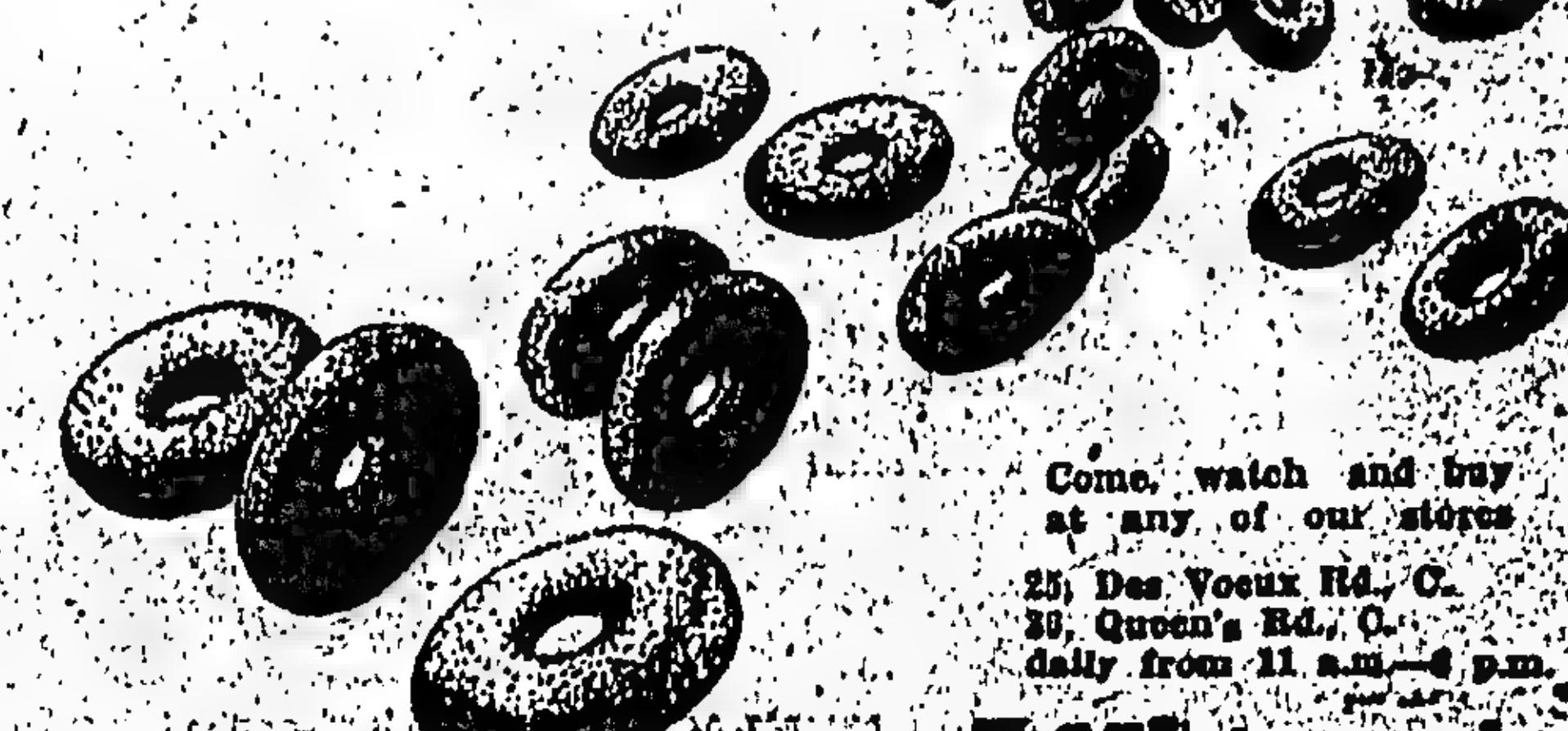
But while, as the Crime Commission admits, "nobody knows how many policemen have bought their jobs," while public officials are indicted by grand juries for conspiring with Syndicate gamblers and the citizens prefer to "let it ride" while "Coloimbo's pall-bearers still have power in Chicago; and while 'realistic sons of immigrants' Irish labourers, Poles, and Sicilians (Chicago was referred to the other day, as a 'hub' of Sicily) learn gang ways in infancy in the back alleys, the 'dock wards'—the sorrowful slums—Chicago will remain the most lawless city in the world, and the influence and monopoly of the Syndicate will spread."

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## BETWEEN OURSELVES FOULARD — THE LATEST NEWS IN PRINTS

By JANET MARTIN

Prints need not be formal to be fashionable. Some of the latest patterns look like something

Dali didn't want.

There's always a rather breathless hush, just before the designs for a new season burst forth upon the awaiting world of Fashion. Even though the subsequent clamour may be, as of late, somewhat deafening, it is a moment we look forward to.

When new designs in materials appear, however, there is no such excitement and controversy. They have a habit of creeping up on us unawares, so that we just find ourselves wearing the current vogue in spots, checks, stripes or what have you, without having been actually introduced to them. They look right when cut to the lines of the current fashion. Last year, during the last few years there have not been any very startling changes in designing prints. In fact, the designs produced have been remarkably only for their monotonous uniformity. Last year showed the first real change, with a swing towards extra large and sweeping patterns either formalized to the point of surrealism or naturalized to the point of being almost unrecognizable as large as life.

Now, The Look, we have dropped the "New" has brought in its train delightful new prints, imbued with the spirit of charm and femininity which is the essence of The Look itself.

Some of these I have chosen to describe for you this week, and the name which stands out above the rest is Foulard.

Foulard prints are new, those small, rather geometrical "le" print designs, based on the bird's eye, the peacock's tail and the paisley motif.

These small, neat patterns are particularly suited to the flowing skirts and softly rounded lines of the new clothes, so look out for them when you are choosing the materials for your summer prints.

From America, my choice is an attractive afternoon frock in the print. The design of the print is a small square, superimposed with an irregular dot, and made up on lines of charming simplicity, with bow-tied neck, collar sleeves gathered into wide cuffs, and a wide flared skirt cut to mid-calf length. Right for any time during the daylight hours.

Another winning foulard design of an almost heraldic motif interpreted in richly glowing colours attracted attention as much for the print as the style—stand-up collar, long sleeves, and a wide front corner, moulded bodice with tiny basque and lavishly gathered skirt.

My third choice is a tie-printed rayon crepe in sky blue, with a minute star design, made up in to an every occasion dress with the new, bishop style sleeves and many-panelled skirt. Bow to the collar and wide sash belt, both in plain navy crepe, add a striking note of contrast.

We have borrowed many fashion ideas from the "Dept." and even from the military tailor in the past, but none, I think, more successful, or more.

adaptable, than this latest raid on the men's haberdashery counter. A close runner-up with the foulard prints is a new trend in formalized and rather abstract flower designs. These are designs, using flowers as the motif of the pattern, but far removed from the faithful reproduction of the cottage garden or the flower woman's basket.

In Bianca Moore's Spring collection is an exquisite afternoon-to-cocktail party gown in the richest burgundy coloured, silk printed with the minutest formal pattern. This is a dress of restrained sophistication, long sleeved, demure necked, swathed around waist and hips with a lavish swath of the same material, from which the skirt swings out in loosely folded pleats.

I have not yet seen a tie-printed silk made up into an evening dress, but I would venture a prediction that the paisley motif will be a first favourite for summer evening frocks this year.

Its shadowy outlines and delicate curlicues can be perfectly interpreted in terms of volutes, muslins and chiffons. Ideal materials for the airy, billowing styles so popular, as well as flattering for summer dancing.

My favourite paisley is in the palest grey, with a mere hint of blue in the "eye" of the peacock's tail, made into a gown which would have delighted any



One of the new prints made up into an evening gown, worn by Joan Bennett (Universal-Int.). The pattern consists of circles, stars, squares, dots, and several other geometrical intricacies, on a dark background.

### MINTED PEARS

Ornate some pears well, either canned or home cooked ones, dip them into lime-juice sprinkled with finely-chopped mint and fill with little balls of cream, cheese blended with mayonnaise.

Victorian Miss, without the slightest alteration, from the low bodice, shoulder drape, tiny waist and crinoline skirt, to the sash and bow trimming of blue ribbon.

## ROSES IN YOUR CHEEKS

By CLAUDIA

Like everything else that is feminine, rosy cheeks are in fashion again.

The "interesting" pallor, the white, masquerade-like make-up are a thing of the past. In nature, a rosy glow, however delicate, is considered to be the accompaniment of good health and physical well-being.

Also, it is amazingly youthful looking. If you have never used rouge, you will find it absolutely necessary if you wish to achieve the effect of natural beauty demanded by the present fashions.

Few of us, unfortunately, have sufficient natural colour in our cheeks to enable us to dispense with a faint touch of rouge. In fact, any make-up of today is incomplete without it.

Rouge is about the most decept-

tive item in the whole catalogue of cosmetics. Applied unskillfully or indiscreetly, it immediately produces an ageing effect, and the worst of all beauty crimes, a "made up look."

On the other hand, by clever and subtle use, years can be taken away and the rosy blush of youth, coming out of its little pot, can look as natural as if nature herself had painted it onto your cheeks.

### Too Little

The secret of all good make-up, with rouge, is far better to use too little, at least until you have learnt the correct amount for your particular face, rather than too much.

The first question that arises every time rouge comes under discussion is, where to put it. The advice that has been given, accompanied by a multitude of diagrams and charts, on this subject, must be enough to fill many volumes.

There are no hard and fast rules. The best advice I can give you is to experiment with yourself and let your eye decide on the best result. Your beauty culture expert will help you if you are in doubt and there are two very simple tips to keep in mind, which will help you a lot.

First, remember that the general effect of rouge is to act as a shadow, taking away from the contour of the face, not adding to it. So, in very general terms, if your face is broad, you will keep the rouge well back, fading it into the hairline, to shade away the breadth of your face. If your face is narrow, you will keep it more onto the cheeks, blending down to nostril level, so as to keep the full breadth of the face, reducing the illusion of length.

### Smile At Yourself

The second simple tip to remember is a guide to help in choosing the right spot for the main dab... smile at yourself in the mirror and put that dab right on the highlight of the curving cheek. Two more tiny dabs, situating back along the cheekbone, for the broad face, or forming a small triangle for the long face, and you are ready to blend the dabs smoothly.

There must be no suspicion of an "edge" anywhere. In every direction the rouge must be faded right away so that it merges imperceptibly with the unrouged portion of the skin.

It is simple enough if you blend it either onto a slightly moist skin, or over a minute trace of cold cream. Some of my friends prefer the former method, so easy when using a liquid foundation, while others seem to get the best results from the second.

### Liquid Rouge

Liquid rouge is a good choice if you are afraid of using too much colour, for you can quite easily obtain the most delicate flush imaginable by this method.

Powder rouge is the most useful for "touching up" purposes, the best for carrying in your handbag when you are going to be out for a long spell without an opportunity for renewing your make-up.

There are other places for rouge besides the cheeks... for the faintest traces of rouge! A touch on a rather heavy chin will soften down the contour. A touch on the lobes of pretty ears will emphasize their shell-like transparency.

Rosy cheeks are the paragon of youth in nature, but every woman can learn how to keep those roses in her cheeks.

I do say again, particularly to the woman who is past her first youth, learn to use rouge skillfully and you will find it your best friend in your effort to preserve the youthful charm in your face.

### CLEANING RUGS

If you wait until your rug (and/or carpet), will have nasty rug, and will have nothing else but pastel rug, you may in the future have to face the problem of keeping them clean. Here are some suggestions.

Clean them at least twice a week with an electric cleaner, going carefully over every inch. If the traffic over them has been especially heavy, clean them more than once.

### Powder Preferred

Two, whenever something is dropped on them, or a spot suddenly appears, clean it off immediately. It is better to use an absorbent powder. Liquid, spirit cleaners are apt to leave a mark where they have been applied, and perhaps even to rot the fibres.

Always, remember to clean the powder off thoroughly with the electric cleaner after it has been on long enough to absorb the grease on dirt. Get the rug cleaned regularly, as soon as they show signs of being faded or greyed with dirt. It is sometimes difficult to tell when a carpet is losing its original colour, but here is one way which is quite simple to follow.



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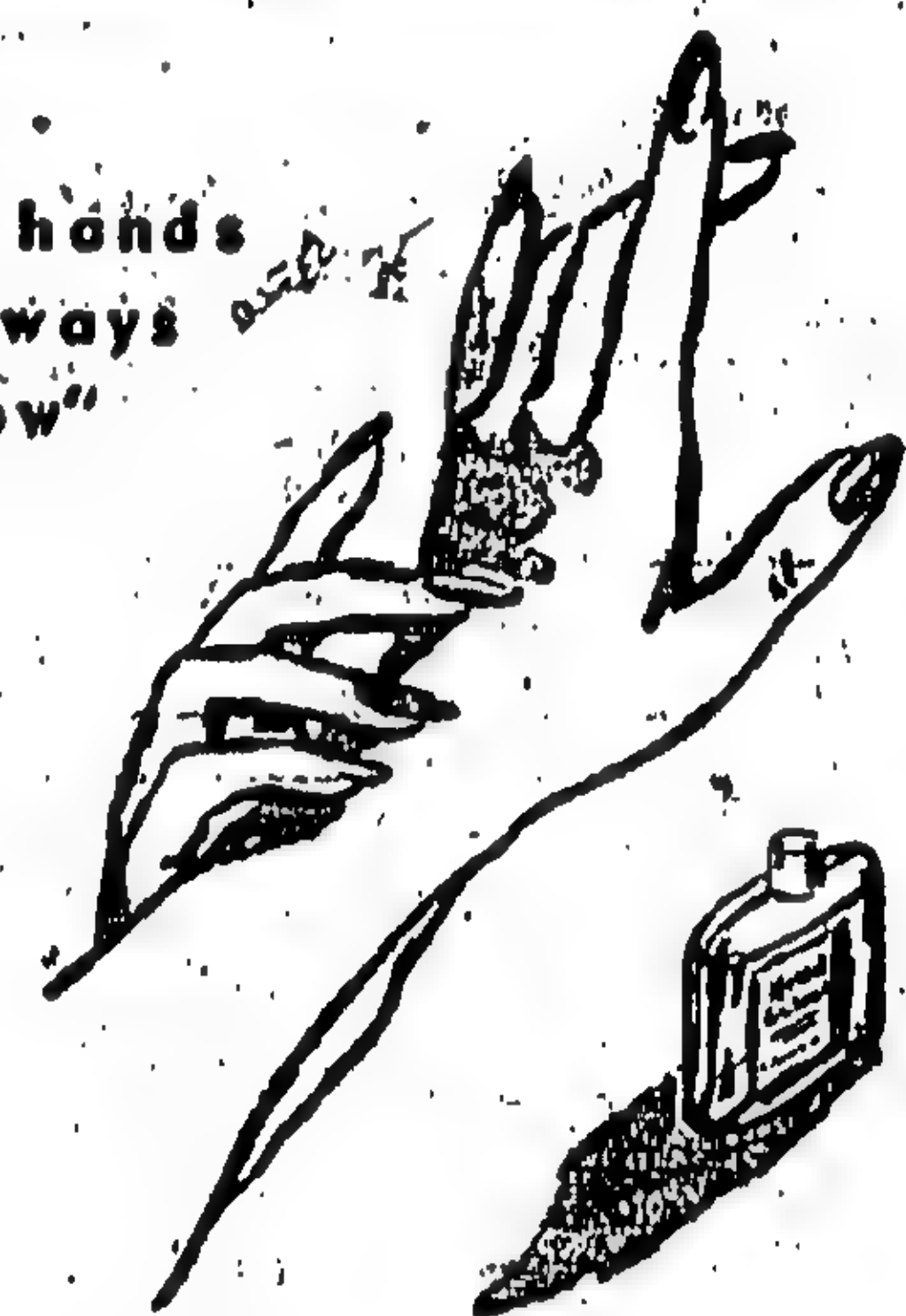
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## Between Ourselves: Continued from Page 18 CHOOSING CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Children begin to enjoy books long before they can read.

In this pre-reading stage the eye-appeal of books is of first importance, as editors and illustrators well know. From cloth picture books for the two-year-olds to innumerable picture-stories for the five- and six-year-olds, brightly illustrated books pour from the presses in endless quantities.

This is the period in the child's life when adults are completely responsible for his literary taste. Whether he starts with "Superman" or "Mother Goose" depends upon the adult who must not only choose his books, but read them to him over and over again. And whether the child's ear grows accustomed to slangy vernacular or vigorous, timeless English depends again upon the choice of rhymes and stories which the child hears.

Grownups sometimes say that it does not matter what you read to the small child, because he will forget it anyway. But they are wrong.

This article, reprinted from **The Christian Science Monitor**, illustrates the importance of correct reading matter in the development of a child's mind.

He doesn't forget. Four to six or seven are years when memory is not only keen but tenacious. The child of this age will say "Mother Goose" rhymes with you on the second hearing or join in the retelling of a story of considerable complexity.

Moreover, he will recall many of these rhymes and stories when he is grown up.

This period, before reading begins, is a period when we should be painstaking in our choice of the best poetry and stories the child is capable of enjoying, assuming that many of these he will tuck away in his memory permanently. If he hears them often enough and likes them well enough.

Don't overwhelm him with great numbers of books. Repeat the favorites over and over. And, of course, we must be high-threshold in our choice of books for the child, because if he does not enjoy what we read to him he may come to suspect books in general. Rather we'll start where any young child is—with his sense of fun and his need for gaiety and even nonsense. His enjoyment of simple plot stories about his everyday world (no fairies yet), and his delight in the musical aspects of language, which adults call verse.

"Mother Goose" delights the young child on all these counts. Her pages are full of gay, nonsensical action, many of her little rhymes tell amusing stories, and above all her verses hop, skip, run, walk and swing as melodiously and rhythmically as music itself.

When the child is around five he will be ready for other verses. Of course, he should not miss Stevenson's "Child's Garden of Verses," and A. A. Milne's ever-popular pair, "When We Were Very Young" and "Now We Are Six."

These three books of verse with a good anthology, such as "Sung Under the Silver Moonlight," will carry the child well into the school years and give him a happy start on words that sing.

For stories, he does not need a great number of books, but he needs to have them so carefully selected that they will bear infinite repetition. Only by hearing a story over and over does the young child master its complexities and its language.

The old nursery tales about "The Three Bears," "The Three Little Pigs," "The Gingerbread Boy," "The Cock the Mouse, and the Little Red Hen" should be told to him until he has them by heart. Veronica Hitchinson's "Chimney Corner Stories" is a good collection of these old tales. Then the child should know the Beatrix Potter books, "The Tale of Peter Rabbit" and all her other "Tales," told with unexcelled vigor and charmingly illustrated in water colours by the author.

After these, or along with them, will come a choice of all the enchanting moderns, so well told and illustrated that adults are as delighted with them as the children are.

Here then is a sampling of different types of books which small children enjoy long before they can read. Such books give so much pleasure and are so memorable that they will help immunize the child against trash and mediocrity.

The child who has such verses said to him, and hears such stories told or read, will have stored away in his memory not only good literature, but delightful recollections of the adult who introduced him to the pleasures of books.

## ACCENT ON LIPS

By VICTOR MAMAK

The most conspicuous part of a woman's make-up is her lipstick. It certainly is conspicuous—the way some women wear it. The application of a lipstick is a fine art—even a tiny error can mar your looks. A slight "droop" at the corners of the mouth can make you look old, tired, sullen and pessimistic.

On the other hand if your lipstick is slightly and cleverly tipped up at the corners, it can give the impression of youth and vigour.

Just stand before your mirror—make faces at yourself and see how even a slight change of expression changes the shape of your mouth. And, conversely, change in the shape of the mouth through the use of lipstick seems to change the expression. Since you can certainly control the application of your lipstick, it's up to you to determine the personality you want to portray. As a general rule, it is advisable to stick to the natural outline of your lips. But if you feel you must change the original shape of your mouth, do it ever so delicately and subtly. Remember, the first principle of make-up is: never exaggerate to the point where your "audience" is made consciously aware of the cosmetic fake.

### Lip Brush

To achieve a clearly defined mouth, make a sharp outline of the lips with a lip brush which has fine, firm point. Then fill in the rest.

The next and the most important step is the blending, which should be done thoroughly with the brush or a finger tip. It is a great pity most women do not or cannot use a lip brush. Its importance can be realized only by those who have learnt its value in make-up. Once you get used to it, you will never like to do without it. A little patience and perseverance is all that is needed to master the use of this so-important instrument of lip make-up.

Before you apply lipstick, make sure that your lips are absolutely dry. Now put on some lipstick; a light fluffing of powder; flick off the excess with a tissue. That is all for a good long time.

This trick will make the colour cling like a thistle down without constant patching.

Talking of patchwork, if you have to re-do your mouth, get rid of the remains first. Avoid the blotchy job which usually results from re-doing your mouth with a stale coat still on it.

Remember to carry the colour way inside both your upper and lower lips, so there is no pallid gap when you smile—it is most unflattering.

### Two Shades

For effect, especially at night, use two shades of lipstick. The darker to magnify the bow, the lighter to attenuate your lower lip. This trick is also good to balance a pouting lip.

Make sure that you do not pronounce the "bent" on the upper lip too much. A Cupid's Bow is definitely out of circulation. It is no longer effective in the present atomic age.

The selection of shades is very important. While making your choice, consider both costume and complexion. The fashion-wise woman decides on her costume in advance, then matches her make-up to it. The make-up must tie in with the mood and colour scheme of her clothes, naturally for a most flattering effect. She selects her make-up, base, lipstick and eye make-up, etc., accordingly. Make-up, costume and mood all go together. You can't divorce them.

Lipstick is like a jewel. When properly selected, it adds tremendous flattery to your charms. If it's a sports event, the costume and make-up should be bright and vigorous. If it's a formal event, the costume and make-up should be sophisticated, colour-coordinated and, perhaps, even daring. That's why smart women always have several shades of lipsticks from which to choose, chosen for the mood of each occasion.

## COURSE IN HOUSEKEEPING

The City College of New York is taking the problem of untrained housewives seriously.

They have recently instituted a sequence of six courses in the science of house-keeping. After completing the courses, a prospective "little woman" will find herself complete with diplomas, all ready to bedazzle the man of her choice.

The six courses, at present, are: (1) Food and nutrition; (2) child care and "the family"; (3) home management and decoration; (4) clothing and designing; and two others to be chosen from allied fields.

The same College, under its Adult Education Programme, offers other courses as well, courses in such subjects as child guidance, radio, home sanitation, military and parent-child relationships.

This is a new innovation in the realm of the housewife, who until now has struggled along without recognition from "complicated authorities." At any rate, it is a step that deserves to be given for specialized subjects, and those who in the "Brave New World" may reach the stage where women are a Doctor of Drudgery after her name.

But that of course, remains to be seen, as the morgue-keeper said.

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## Britain's Patricia Roc



Patricia Roc, in the last year or so, has been one of the most unfortunate actresses appearing in British films.

A long succession of second-hand ingenue roles was followed by several second-hand "Buddie" roles. Then she fell into the ingenue-buddie characterisations of "Love Story" and "Lucky." She has managed to escape from this typing in her recent film "The Brothers," and in the yet-to-be-released "When the Boat Breaks," both of which are straight drama. With the training of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, and the experience she has gained on stage and screen behind her, Patricia Roc shows promise of developing into one of Britain's top dramatic actresses. She is already one of the most popular of the British stars.

## CHILDREN MODEL OWN FASHIONS

It seems that even the young are not immune to the fashion bug. This bug, which strikes swiftly at the female side of the population, is especially prevalent at the beginning of each season and the children of the Colony are now being stung by this Newcomer Look.

Or so the children's Easter fashion parade this week indicated.

The Compliment Wardrobe for the Junior Miss was on parade, modelled by shy little people with a full sense of their responsibilities.

The mannequins and girls, in fact, provided the main interest of the show. The clothes followed second, through no fault of their own.

The emphasis, right through the show, was on washability and long-wearing qualities. The frocks were all made of washing materials, and designed for the health. One especially good feature was the fact that they were made so that they could be put on easily. Most of them opened either down the back or across the waist, and buttons, instead of small and insecure press studs, were used at fastenings.

Another neat little number was made of silk, swishing taffeta, gathered at the waist, with a small heart-shaped neckline. A deep ruffle of the same material trimmed the hemline, ornamented with small ribbon-and-lace bows.

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The underclothes section showed pants and underwear for the better weather, and some long, ruffled dressing-gowns for post-bath time. Small bows scattered all over the underclothing added touches of simple sweetness.

How, in fact, were a feature of the whole show, and it is amazing what a difference a small bow attached to a neck-cloth or hemline can make.

The annual came as a very pleasant surprise to those accustomed to seeing children playing in dirty little, rumpled creations built exclusively for "dancing parties." They were well-made, colorful and maximum in circulation with enough coverage to prevent sunburn.

One very useful little suit was made of white cotton, with a three-tier skirt, the top tier trimmed with red pickwick braid. A tiny ribbon bow on the back of the skirt was a very pretty touch.

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## CELERY STICKS

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and overalls, with both long and short sleeves. Several of these were made of cotton jersey, hardwearing and washable. Indoor playing was provided for by a two-piece outfit of brown corduroy overalls with a tan striped jersey worn by Michael Edwards. Right Purty just about describes the party frocks. There was a real Easter Parade of them. The new idea of using plaques with florals was used frequently. Organdie, cool and easy to launder, was a great favourite, but plain cottons adorned with lace were also well to the fore. The accent again was on washability and long-wear.

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An Anglo-American Cotton Textile Conference which seeks to revive the pre-war volume of international trade in cotton opened in Manchester on Friday.

## British Electricity Stock

London, Apr. 2.

The new government stock issued to pay for the taking over of England's electrical power industry closed today at 98½. It was just about what the brokers had expected.

The £250,000,000 issue, known as British Electricity Stock, goes to the former owners of the industry which the Government acquired at midnight last Wednesday.

It has a par value of £100 a share, pays three per cent interest and matures not earlier than 1968 nor later than 1973.

Today's opening quotation was 98 to 98½. When it developed that there was not going to be any rush to sell, the price quickly improved. Critics of the deal to nationalise the electricity industry complained that the former owners would have to take a loss of £4,300,000 if they sold their holdings of the new stock at today's best price.

The three per cent interest paid by the Government stock also represents a cut in income compared with the yield of most shares in the industry when it was privately owned. In some cases the income loss runs to more than 30 per cent. Associated Press.

## AUSTRALIAN WOOL

Tokyo, Apr. 2.

Mr. Max P. Laupheimer, chief of wool procurement for the Allied occupation authorities in Japan, is leaving by air tonight for Australia and New Zealand to arrange further "adequate" imports of raw wool.

Supreme Allied Headquarters said today he will visit Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne and Wellington to confer with Government and trade officials.

Japanese wool exports hoped Mr. Laupheimer might obtain a monthly supply of at least 10,000 bales. By initial sales of 10,000 bales monthly, Australia would offset her purchases of rayon and silk while Japan, by processing and exporting finished products, would build up credits to finance raw wool also advanced. Reuter.

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## British Cotton Purchases

Cairo, Apr. 2.

British cotton purchases in Egypt may be reduced but will not be suspended, Mr. I. T. Porritt, independent member of the British Raw Cotton Buying Commission, told a press conference here today.

After the Commission recently raised its selling price for Egyptian cotton by one shilling 5 pence, he said, British spinners complained they could not sell certain styles of yarn in competition with similar yarns made from American cotton.

The mills would stop production unless they could be allowed to use American cotton, they said. As this involved repercussions on the export programme, Mr. Porritt added, the Commission decided that spinners of Egyptian cotton should be allowed a measure of substitution of other growths, including American, so long as it might be practical for the spinners and to the Commission's stocks permitted.

This announcement, he said, concerned a domestic arrangement and did not signify an intention to discontinue purchases of Egyptian cotton, although the consumption of Egyptian cotton in Lancashire mills was likely to be reduced. Reuter.

## Wall St. Briefs

New York, Apr. 2.

The Under-Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Wiggins, predicts the national debt to rise by \$700,000,000 in the 1948/49 fiscal year. On the other hand, the National City Bank disputes the possibility of a deficit.

Traders generally believe that the maximum deflationary impact of government budget surplus and the surplus hencforth may decline or evaporate, and that the fundamental trend will change from deflationary to inflationary.

The probability of Congress continuing price supports for agriculture for at least another year will be inflationary and will also continue to assure a good domestic market for farm implements.

Brokers point out that the British averages today were only 5½ below this 1937 peak, while Dow Jones industrial average was 10½ below that peak. At last year's high the British average—16½—above 1937/38 the United States 9½ above and both in Britain and the United States there was a decline of 18½ from the postwar high. Reuter.

## The Paris Market

Paris, Apr. 2.

The sharp advance midweek reversed the earlier trend with a bull group taking the initiative by spreading rumours that the French Finance Ministry had planned to block 1,000 franc notes.

This proved successful because of the market's confidence in international conditions. Thus denials of note blocking had no great influence and a further sharp rise latterly resulted from strong buying by southern French interests, which found the market short of supply which was caused by further rumours of note blocking and that some quarters were refusing to accept these notes.

Increase in gold coins influenced foreign currency on the black market where United States dollar reached a new peak and the pound sterling and Swiss franc also advanced. Reuter.

Sofia, Apr. 1. The Praesidium of the Bulgarian Grand National Assembly today ratified the treaty of friendship and collaboration recently signed with the Soviet Union. Reuter.

## London Stock Exchange

London, Apr. 2.

The introduction of the new British Electricity 3½ stock, 1948/77, occasioned but little excitement in the stock market today. Dealings began at 98½ and all allied "ed prices" were marked down in sympathy with the terms of the issue followed by a recovery and by the close prices were generally a quarter below the previous close, whilst electricity stock had improved to 98½.

The overall volume of business was small and most sections recorded dullness. Leading industrial were a few pence lower with Russian-zone happenings continuing to have an unsettling effect on stock market operations. Exceptionally, however, Breweries presented a strong front with support persisting on hopes of taxation relief in the coming budget.

A shakeout occurred in copper shares, following the decrease in the export price of the metal prices moved lower until small buyers lifted them above the worst. Railways remained quietly firm on an inquiry from Johannesburg. Bonds moved lower in an idle market.

SECURITIES: British Consols, 3½, 70½; Government Loan, 3½, 104½; Funding Loan, 3½, 104½; War Loan, 3½, 103½; Victory Bonds, 4½, 112½; RAILWAY SHARES: British Transport 3½, 96½; Associated Portland Cement Co., 70½; British American Tobacco (of G. D. & Ireland), 5½; British Celanese ord., 22½; Calcutta Electric, 32½; Carriers Ltd. "A" ord., 8½; J. & P. Coals, ord., 62½; Courtaulds, ord., 40½; Distillers Co., ord., 47½; Dunlop Rubber Co., 78½; Electric & Musical Industries, ord., 17½; Pine Cotton Spinners & Douglton Association, 30½; Ford Motor Co., ord., 48½; Imperial Chemical Industries ord., 48½; Imperial Tobacco Co. (of G. D. & Ireland), 5½; Indian Iron & Steel Co., ord., 44½; International Nickel Co., of Canada, ord., 84; Lewis Brothers, ord., 42½; Marks & Spencer, ord., 50½; Pinchin Johnson, ord., 34½; Sainsbury's, ord., 37½; Standard Motors, ord., 27½; Vickers Ltd., ord., 37½; Woolworth (F. W.) Co., ord., 32½.

TBA SHARES: Assam's Consolidated Tea, 24½; Assam Frontier Tea, 18½; Assam Tea Company, 23½; Deccan Tea Company, 40½; Empire of India & Ceylon Tea Company, 19½; Imperial Tea Company, 37½.

JUTE SHARES: Barron's Jute Factory, Co., 19½; RUDHAR SHARES: Anglo-Dutch Plantation of Java, 16½; Guala Kalumpuna Rubber Estate, 17½; Rubber Plantation Invest. Trust, 20½.

MINE SHARES: Burma Corp., 6½; Crown Mines, 41½; Nundurong Mines, 12½; Rand Mines, 101½; Spring Mines, 9½; Bul-Nile, 4½; Tavor Tin Co., 17½; Union Corporation, 37½.

Oil SHARES: Anglo-Iranian Oil Co., ord., 171½; Attock Oil, 26½; Burma Oil Co., ord., 60½; Mexican Eagle Oil Co., 32½; Royal Dutch/Shell Ltd., 32½; Shell Transport & Trading Co., 104½; Venezuelan Oil Concessions, 104½.

SHIPING: P. & O. S.N. Co., ord., 56½; Indian General Navigation & Traders, 11½.

RAILWAYS: National War Bonds, 3½, 104½; 1049/51, 101½; 1052/54, 101½; 1054/56, 101½; 1051/58, 101½; 1052/55, 101½; 1055/57, 101½; 1056/59, 101½; 1057/60, 101½; 1058/61, 101½; 1059/62, 101½; 1060/63, 101½; 1061/64, 101½; 1062/65, 101½; 1063/66, 101½; 1064/67, 101½; 1065/68, 101½; 1066/69, 101½; 1067/70, 101½; 1068/71, 101½; 1069/72, 101½; 1070/73, 101½; 1071/74, 101½; 1072/75, 101½; 1073/76, 101½; 1074/77, 101½; 1075/78, 101½; 1076/79, 101½; 1077/80, 101½; 1078/81, 101½; 1079/82, 101½; 1080/83, 101½; 1081/84, 101½; 1082/85, 101½; 1083/86, 101½; 1084/87, 101½; 1085/88, 101½; 1086/89, 101½; 1087/90, 101½; 1088/91, 101½; 1089/92, 101½; 1090/93, 101½; 1091/94, 101½; 1092/95, 101½; 1093/96, 101½; 1094/97, 101½; 1095/98, 101½; 1096/99, 101½; 1097/00, 101½; 1098/01, 101½; 1099/02, 101½; 1100/03, 101½; 1101/04, 101½; 1102/05, 101½; 1103/06, 101½; 1104/07, 101½; 1105/08, 101½; 1106/09, 101½; 1107/10, 101½; 1108/11, 101½; 1109/12, 101½; 1110/13, 101½; 1111/14, 101½; 1112/15, 101½; 1113/16, 101½; 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## MacArthur's Policy Is Approved

## Christian General Registers

Washington, Apr. 3.

The United States Department of Justice revealed today that General Feng Yu-hsiang has become a registered agent for the Revolutionary Committee of the Kuomintang Party of China.

The Department said that General Feng, in joining the registered foreign agents in the United States, stated his purpose was to "acquaint the American people with the committee's programme and enlist the aid of the American people and Government in ending the civil war in China."

Feng registered as a member of the standing committee of the Central Board of the Revolutionary Committee of the Kuomintang with headquarters in Hong Kong, under the chairmanship of General Li Chai-sen. Feng said he was now living in New York City. The one-time "Christian General" came to the United States last year representing the Nanking Government on a study of U.S. power resources. A few months ago he renounced his allegiance to Nanking, saying he intended to work for the overthrow of Chiang Kai-shek and the Nanking Government.—Associated Press.

## H.K. STUDENTS IN WALES

London, Apr. 2.

Thirty "Social Science" students from abroad (including Hong Kong) are spending ten days with farmers and other residents of Llandillo, Wales.

The visit is part of a Social Science Course arranged by the National Federation of young farmers clubs and the Colonial Office. Most of the students are from the Colonial Empire. They will visit schools farms and markets and observe the workings of young farmers clubs and the local Government.

The students are from British Guiana, British Honduras, the Gold Coast, Hong Kong, Jamaica, Kenya, Malaya, Nigeria, Northern Rhodesia, Palestine, Sierra Leone, Tanganyika, Trinidad, Uganda, Windward Islands, Zanzibar, Ceylon and Basutoland.—Associated Press.

## AMERICA VULNERABLE TO AIR ATTACK

Nashville, Tenn., Apr. 2. The chief of the United States Bomber Force has told the Reserve Officers' Association that aircraft now in the hands of potential enemies can bomb any part of America from bases already built. They can do it by flying the polar routes, said General George C. Kenney, head of the Strategic Air Force.

Kenney said Russia is maintaining "huge armies and air forces," and Soviet factories "are building thousands of new bombers and new fighters."

Kenney warned against too much reliance on the atomic bomb. "We must not forget," he said, "that we developed the bomb from scratch in three years, that it is nearly three years since the first atomic bomb shattered Hiroshima and that scientists, physicists and engineers all over the world have been burning the midnight oil ever since trying to develop that and other weapons of mass destruction."

"Improved" The General pointed out that one A-bomb wrecked Hiroshima and 100,000 of its inhabitants perished. He added: "This bomb has been improved since then."

A large scale atomic bomb attack on this country could result in the destruction of a dozen of

Washington, Apr. 2.

Informed sources said today that Mr. George B. Kennan, the Secretary of State's top policy planner, who recently returned from a Far Eastern inspection tour, turned in a report praising General Douglas MacArthur highly for his administration in Japan. He also lauded the Supreme Commander's attitudes on the future economic and political course which should be followed in dealing with the defeated nation.

The sources said that while Mr. Kennan made the Far East tour mainly to acquaint himself with the situation, since he never before has been in that area, his report to Mr. Marshall nevertheless gave certain definite impressions regarding the course which he thought should be followed by the United States in that area.

They said he definitely agreed with General MacArthur's position that the United States must not unilaterally in Japan—if it remains impossible to secure Allied agreement on procedure for holding a peace conference—to build up Japanese economy to a self-sufficient point which would enable it to resist any Communist penetration.

They said Mr. Kennan also agreed that, in light of the general worsening Soviet-American relations throughout the world, it was vital to give consideration to the military importance of Japan as an Asiatic bulwark against Communism.

Sources said Mr. Kennan, who conferred briefly with members of the economic mission to the Far East headed by the Under-Secretary of War (Brig.-Gen. William Draper), also agreed with their premise that further reparations should be virtually abolished and more strenuous efforts devoted to raising the levels of industry.

## Cautious

The sources said it was doubtful Mr. Kennan went as far as some of the more extreme Army elements, such as General Draper, regarding the point to which Japanese industry ultimately should be developed. Mr. Kennan is understood to take a somewhat more cautious approach to the removal of all controls on Japanese business.

The sources pointed out that while the Draper group expressed the American businessman's attitude on this question, Mr.

## Haganah Captures Castel

Jerusalem, Apr. 3.

The Haganah Jewish defence force today stormed and captured Castel village, near Jerusalem, from which Arabs had been blockading food supplies for the Holy City's 100,000 beleghured Jews.

Arab sources said that heavy reinforcements of Arabs were rushing to the area and that the first counter-attacks were already in action.

The Jewish assault—third in three days—began with several hundred Haganah men in battle-dress and armed with machine-guns, mortars and grenades, creeping over the Judean hills in darkness.

As a striking force silenced the Arab outposts, a full-scale attack was launched on the village.

The number of casualties was not known. Women and children had been evacuated before fighting began.

Very heavy fighting raged with explosions and automatic fire echoing in the darkness from the Judean hills, and before dawn semi-official reports said that the Haganah had succeeded in storming Castel and capturing it.—Reuter.

## WHITE RUSSIANS FEAR FOR THE FUTURE

Shanghai, Apr. 2.

The long, chilling shadow of Soviet Russia stretches out over China and makes the lives of stateless White Russians who fled here to escape Communism a thing of daily uncertainty and fear.

With no nation to protect them, with no citizenship of any kind, China's White Russians are easy prey to any element bent on their destruction. And they claim Soviet Russia has just that intention.

Many of them are eager to pass on any information they manage to get from friends now in Russia. And that supply of information from behind the Iron Curtain is meagre. They want to know about Russian plans for China and they all insist the Soviets are making the same insidious plans for China that have come to the world's attention in Eastern Europe and in many other parts of the world.

But they are afraid of having their names associated with this information. They all have, directly or indirectly, received warnings from "Soviet sources" to "keep their mouths shut" or suffer the consequences.

The "Consequences" The consequences can take several forms, according to White

Russians sources here. Anonymous letters can be sent to the Chinese police, accusing certain White Russians of Japanese collaboration during the war, or of working with the Chinese Communists now. These anonymous letters, these sources claim, are sent by Soviet agents in Shanghai.

If the police act on the charges—which they usually do—these sources say that witnesses to "prove" them appear from thin air. Since the White Russians have no country to intercede for them, they are at the complete mercy of the courts. And, they add, the courts are invariably handed an iron-clad "rumped up" case.

There are several White Russians in jail now serving two to three year sentences as a result of these tactics, these sources claim. They say these White Russians talked too much.

A formerly prominent European diplomat living here in voluntary exile from a country that is now a Soviet satellite, was arrested recently for "what he claimed for this same reason. He says that the police showed him an anonymous letter charging him with collaboration and with helping the Chinese Communists infiltrate into Shanghai.

The truth is that since his country fell under Russian domination, he has devoted his life to anti-Communist activities. He was able to prove that fact, and even then it took the help of highly placed friends to get his release.

Life In Danger And he says that if his name and the details of his arrest were published, his life would be in danger. He charges that the Soviets were afraid to cause him bodily harm because of his connections. So, they tried to stop his activities by forcing him into a Chinese jail.

If pressed by publicity about the incident, Soviet agents would kill him rather than take the chance of the information he holds from being revealed.

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SHIP	TO	SAILING
"RUBYSTONE"	Singapore	11th Apr.

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SHIP	FROM	DUE
"SIRDHANA"	Calcutta & Rangoon	9th Apr.
"SIRDHANA"	Japan & Amoy	1st May

## SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"SIRDHANA"	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan	12th Apr.
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## KITCHEE SURPRISED

### Held To Draw By Inniskillings

Inniskillings provided the greatest surprise in yesterday's Senior Soccer League, when they held Kit Chee, prospective Champions, to a two-all draw. Kit Chee can consider themselves lucky in obtaining a point from the game, as at one stage they were two goals in arrears.

Club beat Buffs by three clear goals at Happy Valley. In the other games, Police shared six goals with Kwong Wah, Chinese Athletic had to be content with a point out of their game with Eastern, and Sing Tao easily accounted for the Gunners.

A peculiar feature about yesterday's drawn games is the fact that the teams which drew level were all two goals behind before staging a come-back.

#### Inniskills 2 Kitchee 2

Kit Chee dropped a valuable point in their league programme when they shared four goals with the Army at Causeway Bay in a featureless game. The spirit was in the game, but the result was a draw. Kit Chee can consider themselves lucky in obtaining a point from the game, as at one stage they were two goals in arrears.

Almost from the start Kit Chee were away and Hirst in a quick run out from goal gathered the ball from the feet of Tam Kwong-sun who seemed set to score. The Chinese were not content with this effort and on two occasions Hirst made good saves. After nine minutes the Army took the lead and Mead who had cut in and positioned himself was able to head a good goal after a clever inter-passing movement on the right. At this stage of the game the soldiers were having more of the play and were not allowing Kit Chee to settle down to the close passing game as they like. A feature of this stage was the close understanding of the Army right wing and the men who made some good moves only to see their efforts blocked at the goal-mouth. After 22 minutes Inniskills were awarded a penalty for pushing and from the spot kick Andrews put them two up. Just before half-time Kit Chee reduced their deficit when a breakaway Kwok King-lok found the net.

Straight away the soldiers went right through and Chin Shui-hung was fortunate to be able to put over a high shot for what turned out to be a fruitless corner. A penalty was awarded for handling and Tam Kwong-sun put his side on level terms with the kick.

In the second half an Army player was sent off for deliberate kicking. This meant that the soldiers were left with four forwards as they elected to fill their half-back line for defence rather than keep their attack at full strength. This was noticeable when Tam Chui-fai beat two men in a dazzling run only to have his shot well saved by Hirst.

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#### Club 3 Buffs 0

Club beat Buffs at Happy Valley in a game devoid of spectacular play. The standard was low, both sides making mistakes, and Inniskillings were the order of the day. The soldiers' forward line was notably weak. They lacked combination and understanding and gave several golden opportunities away by unwillingness to shoot. Possessing a good winger in Williams at right, they neglected him completely. However, they weak forwards were supplemented by a strong defence. Noteworthy of mention was goalkeeper Majendie who played an outstanding game and broke up many of the Club's attacks.

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#### Weller, inside right, mis-kicking

An easy shot from close range. Continuing the attack, Bickford had bad luck with his first time, which missed the goal by inches. Redman next came into the picture, when he shot straight into the hands of Hansen.

Club were all over the soldiers now and Majendie was working like a Trojan trying to stop the attacks. Redman received close attention from his team-mates and missed three successive shots when well placed. On his third attempt, Hansen brought off a brilliant full-length save.

Majendie tried to get his forwards moving and sent them off repeatedly after securing the ball, but against the stone-wall defence of Forrow, Strange and Majendie they could make little headway. However, inside right Wright managed once to elude Forrow and missed a golden opportunity from close quarters—his ball hit the upright.

After a period of mid-field exchanges, half time came with neither side scoring, but before the resumption of the game, a goal by Inniskillings was scored by a mis-kick at close range. The resumption found Club attacking in earnest and ten minutes later, Redman, receiving a neat pass by Bickford, cleverly eluded the defenders to tap the ball out of reach of Hansen to open the score for Club.

The soldiers tried to force the Muller and Majendie at outside left made a brilliant attempt—cutting in from the left, he managed to beat the defenders and with only the goal-keeper to beat, at three yards, kicked the ball against the upright.

Mullen scored the Club's second and best goal of the afternoon, a terrific thunder from thirty yards beating Hansen to the corner of the net. Not long after this, Club sealed their victory through a penalty for handling. Forrow easily converted.

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#### Police 3 Kwong Wah 3

At Boundary Street, Police, who were at one stage leading Kwong Wah by two clear goals, were eventually forced to share six goals. Police had the upper hand in the first half but were unable to stand the pace and fell away badly shortly after the commencement of the second half. Tang Wing, the Police goalie, gave a fine display and it was entirely due to his excellent keeping that Kwong Wah did not score more goals. Yusuf, a newcomer to the Police team, impressed and should prove a useful asset to the side.

Kwong Wah's display was, on the whole, mediocre. Tang, in goal, was never safe in his handling. The Kwong Wah defence was also shaky when under pressure, while the forwards, although showing neat combination, were inclined to get rid of the ball too quickly. The first half was evenly contested, with both sides enjoying a fair share of the ball. The Police defence gave the opposing forwards a hot time, with the result that the latter were forced into throwing away scoring chances by premature shooting. The Police forwards were always dangerous when in possession and it was no surprise when they took the lead through Chan Chiu-fai. However, his side, further ahead, but shortly before half time, Tam Yung-kan reduced the lead.

From the re-start, Police opened up strongly and gave the impression that they were going to swamp their opponents. Their attack was deceptive, however, and it was not long before the Chinese began to take charge of the game. The Police goal was subjected to a series of bombardments and Tang Wing was forced to make several good saves. The game was a draw, but the Police had the better of the play.

#### RESULTS AT A GLANCE

SENIOR DIVISION	
Club	3
Police	3
Athletic	2
Inniskills	2
Sing Tao	4
W.D. Chinese	4
Bing Tao	4
South China	2

SECOND DIVISION	
Club	3
Police	3
Athletic	2
Inniskills	2
Sing Tao	4
W.D. Chinese	4
Bing Tao	4
South China	2

shots from all directions. Under the sustained attack the Police defence finally crumbled and the Chinese scored two quick goals through Tam Yung-kan, to bring the score to three-all. Heartened by their success, the Chinese went all out to gain the lead, but the Police defence held out and there was no further scoring.

Police: Tang Wing, Yung, Fung, Kell, Ming, Collins, Gordon, Ng Wei, Chan, On-yin, Yung, Howlett, Lau Pak-hung, and Lee Sling.

#### Athletic 2 Eastern 2

In an evenly contested game at Boundary Street, Chinese Athletic and Eastern shared four goals. At one stage Athletic were leading by two clear goals, but a lapse on the part of their defence enabled Eastern to even the scores.

Tam Kwan-kon, the Eastern goalie, played a first class game. His keen sense of anticipation and safe handling robbed Athletic of more than one goal. In the forward line, Lee Wai-lam was a handful and he rounded off a good afternoon's work by scoring both goals for his side. The other prominent player on the Athletic side was Lee Tai-fai, who was also responsible for the two goals scored by Athletic.

From the kick-off, Athletic took the attack and Tam was early called upon to defend his charge. Athletic had hard luck when a rasping shot by Lee Tai-fai struck the upright and rebounded out of play. In the next minute, Ho Yau-ki also struck the upright with a fast drive. The ball was rapidly transferred to the other end, where Lee Wai-lam sent in a fine cross shot, which was deflected for a free kick, corner, or penalty. The ball was awarded against Athletic, but Lee Wai-lam, who took the spot kick, shot straight into Lau's hands. Shortly afterwards, the Athletic forwards broke through the opposing defence and Lee Tai-fai headed the ball past Tam, to open the scoring. There was further scoring before half time.

Five minutes after the resumption, Athletic increased their lead when Lee Tai-fai broke through and sent in a powerful cross shot which had Tam beaten all the way. Athletic continued to attack, but were unable to add to their lead. From a breakaway, Lee Wai-lam eluded the Athletic backs and then lobbed the ball over the head of Lau into the net. Play continued at a fast pace and from a similar movement, Lee Wai-lam scored the equalizer. With the scores level, both sides tried hard to obtain the winning goal. Athletic were given the more scoring chances, but Tam was playing at the top of his form and his brilliant handling prevented Athletic from scoring.

Teams: Athletic: Lau Wing-cheung, Lee Kwok-wai, Ho Shing, Lee Pingnam, Hung Hing-yuk, Chan Kam-pui, Lee Tai-fai, Man Chung-wai, Lee Chun-fat, Ho Yau-ki, and Lee Ping-choi. Eastern: Tam Kwan-kon, Lee Pook, Tang Yau-chuan, Leung Kwong-wai, Ho Hing-son, Lee Wai-lam, Chan Shui-hung, Lee Wai-lam, Chin Chiu-fai, Lau Fook-chuen, and Leung Wing-sun.

#### Sing Tao 4 R.A. 1

The Army got a consolation goal with seconds to go. Sing Tao tried inside left Lau Sui-wing at outside left but it could not be said that the experiment succeeded. Sing Tao took the lead after only three minutes' play and from that time the issue was never in doubt. Lau Sui-wing centred the ball and Fung King-cheung headed well out of Wylie's reach. During the next few minutes, Wylie, the Army custodian, made three well judged runs out of his goal to clear his lines. At the other end, Bates got his side going with a good movement on his left but the ensuing centre was well cleared. Brown had a good run on the left and squared the ball only to see it kicked away in the nick of time. Sing Tao also got in a good movement but it petered out when Ho Ying-fun was ruled offside. Craighed, in passing back to his keeper put the ball out of play for a corner and it was from the ensuing kick that Sing Tao went further ahead when Chan Kam-hoi got his foot to the ball and scored with a rising shot.

Flint went to the other end and Goldrick sent away with a shot, but it was well saved. He drove a high ball from long range that was well saved by Hansen. The game was a draw, but the Police had the better of the play.

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## Home Football Results

London, Apr. 3.

FIRST DIVISION	
Arsenal	2
Bolton	2
Burnley	0
Charlton	0
Liverpool	0
Manchester U.	1
Mid'borough	1
Portsmouth	2
Preston	0
Sheff'ed U.	2
Stoke	2

SECOND DIVISION	
Barnsley	2
Birmingham	2
Brentford	0
Covehury	1
Fulham	0
Leeds	1
Leicester	3
Luton	0
Nowcastle	2
Plymouth	0
West Brom.	1

THIRD DIVISION - SOUTH	
Bournemouth	0
Bristol C.	2
Exeter	2
Torquay	2
Watford	0
North Co.	3
Reading	2
Southend	1
Swansea	0
Walsall	0

THIRD DIVISION - NORTH	
Accrington	1
Barrow	0
Bradford C.	4
Halifax	0
Hull	1
Lincoln	4
New Brighton	1
Rochdale	1
Southport	2
Stockport	3

SCOTTISH "A" DIVISION	
Aberdeen	1
Airdrie	0
Celtic	2
Falkirk	2
Harts	1
Partick	0
Queen's Park	0
St. Mirren	1

SCOTTISH "B" DIVISION	
Alloa	1
Arbroath	2
Cowdenbeath	0
Dundee U.	4
Hamilton	5
Kilmarnock	2
Leith	1
Raith	1

IRISH LEAGUE	
Ballymena	4
Banor	3
Derry	2
Glenavon	2
Larne	4
Lisburn	3
Portadown	0

AMATEUR INTERNATIONAL	
England	0
France	2

Boxing Champions Lose Titles At Albert Hall. London, Apr. 3. Five new champions emerged from the Army boxing championships concluded at the Royal Albert Hall last night. Of the five holders defending their titles only three, including the veteran company sergeant-major instructor, J. Ryan, did so successfully.

One of the new champions was 18-year-old Private T. Morrison of the East Yorkshire Regiment. He won the title by beating last year's bantam-weight champion, Sergeant-Instructor I.D. Brown, giving him a boxing lesson and a good hiding in the bargain. There was a great fight in the light-heavy-weight final between Corporal Scott and Guardsman Lord. Although the former was up against one of the toughest and hardest hitting men in the services, he wore Lord down and in the third round knocked him down twice with right hooks before the referee stopped the fight.

In the welter-weight, Ryan who had knocked his opponent out in the semi-final, had to rest content with a points victory against another R.P.T.C. man, Sergeant-Instructor G. Williams. —Reuter.

China has chosen a team of youngsters and have left all their well-tried players like Hau Yung-sang, Fung King-cheung, Lau Chung-sang and others out. At the conclusion of the game the Trophy and the mementos will be presented to the winning team by Mrs. Erskine, wife of the G.O.C.

The following have been selected to represent Portugal and China in the final of the International Charity Cup Competition to be played at Navy ground, today at 4.30 p.m.: China: —Tam Kwan Kon (Eastern), Yin Yau Shung (K. Chee), Tam Chan Fai (K. Chee), Tang Shok Hong (Eastern), Hung Hing Yui (C.A.A.), Fung Kwan Sui (Bus), Ho Ying Fun (C. Chee), Kwok Yung Kee (K. Chee), Tang Yee Kit (Bus), Chow Man Chi (Bus), Leo Tai Fai (C.A.A.). Portugal: —Chiu Shiu Hang (K. Chee), Yau Wah Hing (K. Chee), Leung Shau Cheung (K. Wah), Chiu Fu (K. Wah) and Lau Fook Chien (Bantam). Managers: Mr. Choy Wah Hung. Portugal: —Mendes, R. Rocha, Ramon Ma, A. Xavier, B. T. Gossano, Collaco, M. Xavier, J. Gomes, and A. Santos. China: —Mr. L. F. de Souza. Members of Portugal's team are requested to report to the Manager at the dressing room not later than 3.30 p.m. Jersey, shorts and stockings will be supplied.

## SPARKLING CRICKET

### Gosano Brothers' Big Stand

Only two cricket matches were played yesterday, H.K.C.C., who declared against Royal Navy at Chater Road, winning by 15 runs, and Recreio Bachelors beating the Married Men at King's Park.

The latter match produced some sparkling cricket, the Gosano Brothers, J. M. and L. G., knocking up 162 for the first wicket. It was a third Gosano brother, E. L., who broke up the partnership.

H.K.C.C.—Navy. In a friendly at Chater Road H.K.C.C. beat the Royal Navy by 15 runs.

CLUB	
M. Harriman, c. Fluck, b. Gelling	10
M. Little, st. Brown, b. Evans	70
P. Mahon lbw, Gelling	27
H. Bardell, b. Evans	27
R. Evans Thomas, Run Out	4
A. Steptoe, b. Mathieson	4
W. Franklin, c. Steadman, b. Mathieson	0
D. S. Odell, Retired	7
G. Gambrell, b. Mathieson	3
L. D. Kilbee, Not Out	0
Extras	13
Total (for 8 wts.)	152

BOWLING	
Mathieson	12 1 54 1
White	8 0 38 0
Craig	6 0 32 0
Evans	5 1 20 2
Mirchouse	1 0 4 2

NAVY	
White, b. Pantan	3
Steadman, c. Bardell, b. Pantan	5
Stacey, Run Out	5
Norris, c. Little, b. Mahon	13
Mirchouse, Run Out	10
Simons, b. Franklin	10
Browne, b. Pantan	46
Rova, Moore, st. Little, b. Pantan	7
Fluck, Not Out	18
Mathieson, b. Graham	20
Extras	20
Total	137

BOWLING	
Pantan	5 0 28 4
Stacey	5 2 9 0
Mahon	3 2 8 0
Gambrell	3 0 14 0
Bardell	3 0 14 0
Odell	3 1 9 0
Franklin	4 0 13 1
Evans, Thomas	3 0 20 0
Harriman	2 0 14 0
Graham	1 1 0 1

Recreio Match. In a friendly game at King's Park, the Club de Recreio "Bachelors" trounced the "Married Men" by 7 wickets. Batting first, the bachelors were dismissed for 172 with

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Two men were admitted to Queen Mary Hospital last yesterday afternoon suffering from severe burns as the result of the ignition of a drum of gasoline in a garage. Man Kai-wing, 19, flower peddler, and Cheng Fo-sang, 18, blacksmith's apprentice, walked into the Shanghai Garage at Fuk Hing Lane, Causeway Bay, about 5.50 p.m.

They were believed to have lit a cigarette when suddenly a drum of gasoline burst into flame, and their clothes caught fire. Prompt action by folks of the garage put out the fire, but before the two men were badly scorched.

K.C.C. DANCE. The Kowloon Cricket Club will hold its next dance for members and their friends on Saturday, April 10, commencing at 8 p.m. when Ken Constance's Band will again be in attendance. Tickets will be 5/- and 10/-.

RECREIO TENNIS MEETING. The Lawn Tennis and Tennis Section of the Club de Recreio will hold a meeting at King's Park at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, to discuss the arrangements for the coming season.

### BLACK-LIST IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Apr. 3. The police and the Garrison Command have jointly black-listed more than 400 firms suspected of illegally dealing in gold bars and foreign currencies. It was learned this morning. The executive officials of three of these firms were summoned by the police yesterday for questioning. The black-listed firms include banks and general trading companies. All of them are alleged to have been using illegal radio stations to conduct illegal transactions with out-port firms, chiefly in Hong Kong, by means of a secret code. —Reuter.

### BIG COAL FIRE AT MACKIE'S

Spontaneous combustion is believed to have been the cause of a fire which started at two o'clock yesterday at Mackie's, North Point, at 5.20 p.m. on Friday and which consumed the greater part of some 1,500 tons of coal. The Fire Brigade, fought the fire throughout the night and by 10 p.m. had succeeded in reducing the fire to a manageable size. The cause of the fire was not yet known.

A quantity of sulphur on the ground floor of Godown No. 40 of the China Provident Godown at Kennedy Town caught fire shortly before 5 p.m. yesterday and was quickly put out by appliances from Central Fire Station.

### KITCHEE CHANCES OF SOCCER TITLE

The Hong Kong Football League is expected to complete its fixtures in a fortnight but interest in the First Division is still maintained in the race for championship honours which at the moment lie between Sing Tao, last year's champions, and Kit Chee, who made their first appearance in the Senior Division this year.

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They were believed to have lit a cigarette when suddenly a drum of gasoline burst into flame, and their clothes caught fire. Prompt action by folks of the garage put out the fire, but before the two men were badly scorched.

K.C.C. DANCE. The Kowloon Cricket Club will hold its next dance for members and their friends on Saturday, April 10, commencing at 8 p.m. when Ken Constance's Band will again be in attendance. Tickets will be 5/- and 10/-.

RECREIO TENNIS MEETING. The Lawn Tennis and Tennis Section of the Club de Recreio will hold a meeting at King's Park at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, to discuss the arrangements for the coming season.